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**Weather**  
Fair through Saturday in the valley except patchy fog late nights and mornings. Continued hazy visibilities. Lows tonight in mid 20s to low 30s. Highs today and Saturday in the 60s. Light winds. Livermore 62.

## Big Foot shy but sociable

Archie Buckley is light years ahead of skeptics who doubt whether a hairy, oversized creature named "Big Foot" exists.

Buckley and his followers have already launched an effort to save the beast from becoming an endangered species.

Buckley told members of the San Ramon-Amador Valley Exchange Club Thursday that Big Foot is a humanoid primate—not an anthropoid ape as some people have suggested.

In fact, Buckley said, Big Foot is actually man's closest relative.

But the family resemblance is limited. Big Foot reportedly stands between 7 and 8 feet tall, weighs between 400 and 500 pounds, and is covered completely with hair.

Big Foot may look suspiciously like a gorilla, but Buckley maintained the creature is not an ape.

Buckley, schooled in ambulatory patterns and physiology, said more than 40 imprints of the creature's tracks support his contention that "Big Foot" is a humanoid.

"The structure of Big Foot's foot is almost identical to man's," Buckley said, pointing to a large plaster cast of a footprint.

The only difference between man's foot and Big Foot's foot is the degree of lateral movement in the toes. Big Foot's toes can spread 1-1/2 inches wide, an attribute which makes him better able to grasp."

The long arch from the heel to the tarsus also supports Buckley's thesis that Big Foot is a bipedal walker.

The fascination with Big Foot runs in the Buckley family. Buckley's father studied Big Foot from 1898 to 1903. Buckley and his brother have pursued the large creature for more than 40 years. Even his grandchildren have been taken out on the Big Foot watch.

"We have no hostility for the animal," said Buckley. "We only want to preserve the species. We hope that by gathering scientific information we can establish Big Foot's identity and better understand his way of life."

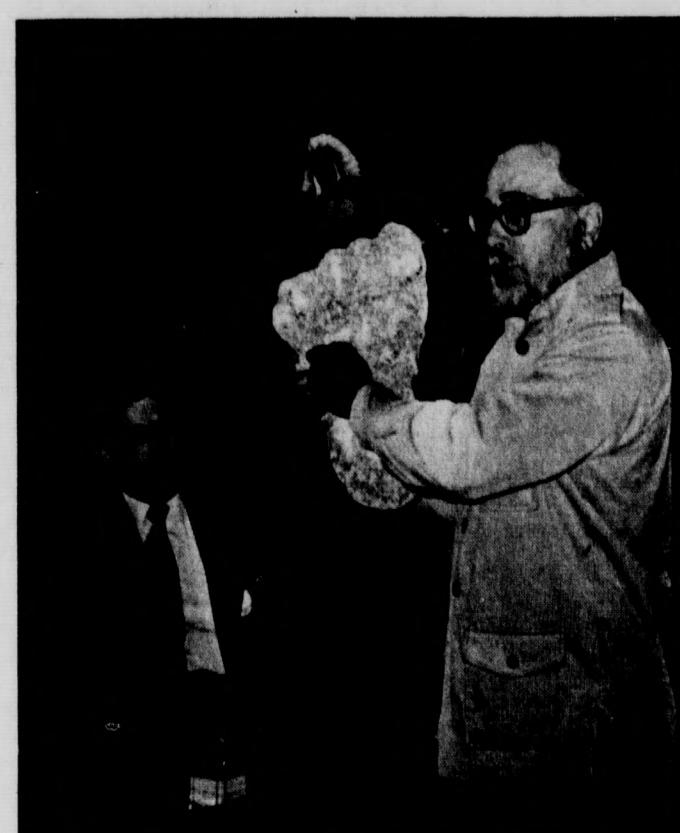
He continued, "We hope someday that legislation will be passed to protect Big Foot."

Skeptics may say Big Foot followers have been out in the bush too long, but Buckley said he has seen the creature first hand.

"Everyone tries to take pot shots at our work. They go so far as to falsify findings," he said. Because of this, Buckley refused to reveal the exact location of his sightings, but he claimed Big Foot has been spotted in locations across the U.S. and Canada. Principal sightings have occurred in Northern California in the Trinity Mountains.

Though only three actual sightings have been documented in the past five years Buckley said much is known about the elusive creatures.

"We have measured their strides, which average about



Archie Buckley shows Exchange Club members a plaster impression of a footprint of Big Foot, the elusive creature Buckley says is more than seven feet tall and weighs in excess of 400 pounds.

51 inches. After examining more than 40 imprints, we know their feet range from 16 to 22 inches in length," he said.

Buckley said the animals are quite intelligent and are masters of concealment.

"They are aware of us, of vehicles, of everything, but they keep themselves aloof," Buckley said.

The semi-nocturnal creatures whose eyes glow in the dark live in small families.

They have their own language, can whistle, scream and mimic dogs and birds.

Big Feet, Buckley reported, possess tremendous vital capacity and physical endurance.

They show no animosity toward humans, and Buckley said there are no reports of violence "initiated by them without just provocation."

Buckley is undaunted by the jibes of non-believers. Though some may scorn his efforts to preserve Big Foot's right to roam free, he knows it is just a matter of time before the white man acknowledges the creature the Indians have long called "the big man with the red beard."

— by Karen Boyle

## 20 percent hike

## Zone 7 passes connection boost

LIVERMORE — Zone 7 board of directors managed Wednesday night to pass a 20 per cent increase in water connection fees for 1976, but director Robert Becker said the action didn't address "the basic inequities of the way this board raises its money."

The final vote was six to

one in favor of a compromise measure by Director Harlan Zodtnner that connection fees be increased 20 per cent, in line with the 20 per cent increase in water delivery rates the board had passed previously.

Pearson wanted to see connection fees raised a higher

percentage than delivery rates had been hiked. He favored a proposal by director Richard Ryon which called for a 33 per cent increase in connection fees.

Pearson said the board's present policy of collecting two-thirds of its revenues for expansion from water

charges and one-third from connection fees was out of line. He argued connection fees should pay the majority of the cost for growth-related improvements to the water system.

Director George Lydiakos opposed Ryon's plan, but thought a 20 per cent increase in connection fees was defensible.

Director Robert Becker was the most outspoken opponent of Ryon's plan. He said, "I have never seen an approach to capital funding which uses a basis of cash flow over a five year period."

Brand later told the Times that the district attorney had offered to drop felony charges against Smith if he would plead guilty to a single misdemeanor count of possessing a concealed weapon.

Brand said he would fly to Los Angeles tomorrow and ask Smith if he wanted to accept the reduced charge.

Deputy district attorney Mike Valin admitted that talks between his office and Brand had been underway "since the arraignment."

"I suppose you could say we are progressing, but then again... when he enters a plea, the situation is concluded, one way or the other," Valin said.

Valin refused to comment whether the bargaining had narrowed to a single charge or was nearing final settlement. "If the other lawyer wants to shoot his mouth off, that's his business. We're not saying anything."

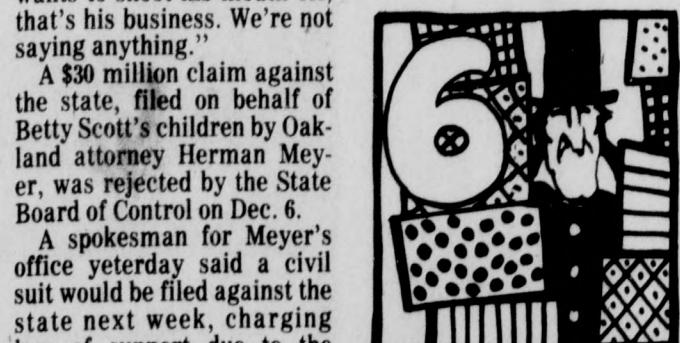
His salary of \$33,000 put him at the bottom of the list of valley school superintendents. However, Williams does have the smallest enrollment in his charge.

Leo Croce of the Livermore Valley Unified School District is the highest paid superintendent, earning \$37,100 with his last increase of 6 per cent. Allen Petersdorf at San Ramon Valley Unified earns \$36,000 and Dr. Bruce Newlin of Amador-Pleasanton \$35,000.

— by Al Fischer

A spokesman for Meyer's office yesterday said a civil suit would be filed against the state next week, charging loss of support due to the wrongful death of Scott. The spokesman expected the suit would take up to 18 months to reach trial.

— by Bill Cauble



DAYS TO CHRISTMAS

## Marathon session

## Cooper talks to jury

OAKLAND — Newly elected BART Board President Elmer Cooper spent seven hours before the Alameda County Grand Jury yesterday testifying under oath about alleged irregularities in the San Francisco director's expense account.

Cooper, who said after Tuesday's election he could call witnesses to verify certain expenses, was the only one to testify yesterday. He was grilled by deputy

district attorney Stacey Wal-

thal.

Walthal is the designated liaison to the Grand Jury from the district attorney's office.

While he usually is

confined to offering the 19-member panel legal advice,

he was asked to question Cooper in the all day session,

according to sources close to the case.

Cooper was reimbursed for

nearly \$20,000 in expenses in

the nine months ending in

September, 1975.

He was the only one to testify yesterday, but the Grand Jury may call other witnesses when they reconvene next month.

The jury recessed for the holidays and will not meet again until Jan. 7. No decision was reached on other witness offerings testimony.

They have until July 1, 1976,

to publish their findings and possibly return an indictment.

Former BART Board President Richard Clark, who authorized Cooper's expense account and billed the district for nearly \$9,500, testified last week.

He and Cooper "were invited" to appear before the Grand Jury. While Clark volunteered, Cooper "chose not to," according to the source.

He was subpoena last week,

although he now claims he is appearing voluntarily.

— by Ron Rodriguez

## Beyond call of duty

## Mercer wins Mayor's award

PLEASANTON — Park and recreation commission chairman Ken Mercer received the Mayor's Award Wednesday night at the annual Mayor's Dinner at the Pleasanton Hotel.

In making the award, Mayor Ed Kinney praised Mercer for "giving more than his normal duty" to the community. Mercer has served as the city's business representative to ACTEAB, as chairman of the Pleasanton Bicentennial Committee, coach in the Ballistics Soccer Club, and as a member of the park and recreation commission.

Mercer said he was "embarrassed" at receiving the award. "There are many in this room who deserve the award much more than I do."

Kinney also gave awards to other members of the city council, which he will be leaving after the March election. He is not a candidate for re-election.

The awards to council members were all done tongue-in-cheek. Councilman Robert Philcox received the "Ban the Boing" award.

Councilman William Herlihy's campaign to eliminate gravel trucks on First Street won him the "Ban the Truck" award.

Councilwoman Joyce Le-Claire once had the council

spend \$34 to change all pronouns from the masculine gender to masculine and feminine in city documents.

For her equal rights role, she won the "Ban the Bra" award. And in recognition of the charges that the city council is a mere rubber stamp for City Manager Bill Edgar, the mayor awarded Edgar the "Ban the Stamp" award.

Ken Mercer, left, received the annual Mayor's Award from Pleasanton Mayor Ed Kinney at the Pleasanton Hotel Wednesday night. The honor is bestowed to a member of a city commission who has done an outstanding job during the previous year.

(Times Photo by Ron McNicoll)



## Mouseketeers revive?

PLEASANTON — A team as famous as the Thundering Herd, the Four Horsepersons and Seven Mules, and the Seven Blocks of Granite all rolled into one, may resurrect itself from the ashes of late night TV movie scripts and the Guinness Book of World Records.

The Pleasanton Cheese Factory Mouseketeers Trivia Team, winners of the Bay Area trivia championship last year in San Francisco, has been thinking about coming out of retirement.

Team captain Ben Fernandez told The Times yesterday that a local service club contacted him about the chance of a bout, perhaps against The Times Trivia Team, which beat the Tri-Valley Herald and News Triangles last year at the Sunol Valley Country Club in a charity match.

Cheese Factory owner George Spiliopoulos told The Times yesterday he would like to see his all-star lineup return to the boards. Fernandez, Tim Murphy, Ron Harris, Ed Canning, Lucille Bruskin, and Jim Fales were all credits to the indoor sport and it's about time to get the old fighting vigor back out there, said Spiliopoulos.

Fernandez said that media information touting the return of the Mouseketeers in the form of a radio show Monday night on KNBR are inaccurate.

The trivia team from King's X Restaurant in Oakland will be on KNBR that night to field phone-in questions from the listening audience.

Fernandez was on the show six weeks ago with Murphy and noticed some familiar voices asking the stumpers from out there in radioland. The voices belonged to King's X's members Fernandez plans his revenge Monday night.

If his can get his call through the busy KNBR, but there are no plans for a scheduled radio appearance by the Mouseketeers.

Up at King's X Restaurant in Oakland yesterday, owner Andy Mousalimas said he would welcome a revival of the rivalry between his club and that of his fellow Greek from the banks of the Arroyo Del Valle.

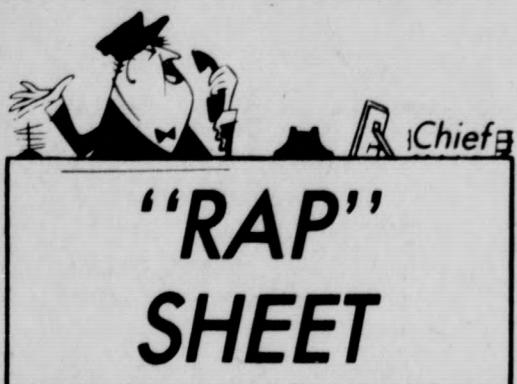
"I'd like to get a round robin tournament going, but it's hard to get six guys together (each team has six players). Maybe we could have a warmup match between The Times and the Oakland Tribune," said Mousalimas.

Over in the trivia corner at the The Times, Al Fischer said he welcomes any gauntletts the Cheese Factory, Tribune, or anyone wants to throw his way. Bill (Crusher) Hayden has left the club, but there may be other beefy linepersons and big fast backs to throw into the contest, say local pundits looking at the The Times potential lineup.

Fernandez welcomes local trivia amateurs to try their luck on Tuesday nights at the Pleasanton Lounge where informal trivia sessions grow up spontaneously. Every good club needs a training camp, and the Lounge is it for the trivia tellers.

Trivia has its serious side. It's a big match between King's X and the Cheese Factor in Oakland netted \$700 for the Lion's Club Blind Fund.

so perhaps another charity will benefit from such questions as: "When they became regular quarterbacks on their respective teams, Johnny Unitas and Fran Tarkenton took the place of the same quarterback. Who was he?" A hint: he was a University of Oregon graduate. That's right, folks, it was George Shaw. — by Ron McNicoll

**High-speed chase through Livermore**

LIVERMORE — A 17-year-old Granada High School student led police on a high-speed chase through downtown Livermore Wednesday and was finally caught at Hillview and P Streets. Det. Dave Hollander and Ofc. Daniel O'Donnell noticed a car speed around a corner and lose control while traveling northbound on Murrieta. Speeds of up to 75 miles per hour were reached as the cars snaked up Portola and Rincon.

The youth was sighted and stopped by another police unit on Hillview and P Streets.

In a written statement given to police, the youth said he sped away in hopes of avoiding a ticket. The case was referred to juvenile court.

**Two injured in accident**

LIVERMORE — Fearing an explosion would result when an approaching train hit a car stalled on the tracks, an Oakland woman backed her car into a telephone pole injuring two people.

Teresa Lynn Sanders told police she was stopped by flashing lights at a railroad crossing when she noticed a car parked on the tracks. She didn't realize the driver was stuck until he jumped out of the stalled car and ran to avoid the train.

Sanders said she then backed up to avoid the effects of an explosion caused by the impact. Her car went into a telephone pole, causing minor damage to the vehicle.

There was no report on the apparent collision of the stalled car and the train.

**Small pot bust reported**

LIVERMORE — A small quantity of marijuana was found by police while they accompanied the home's owner on a search for jewelry last week.

Michael John Butera, 25, and Larry Paul Kengla, 23, both of 388 North K St., were booked on suspicion of possession of marijuana.

Police recovered three handrolled cigarettes, a cylinder containing suspected marijuana, and an assortment of narcotics paraphernalia. No arrest were made pending further investigation.

**Transmission stolen from car**

PLEASANTON — A \$200 four-speed transmission was removed from Rodney Neil Cotton's 1968 Chevrolet while it was parked in front of his Inglewood Drive home earlier this week.

Police are investigating the incident but have no suspects.

**Device causes car explosion**

PLEASANTON — When she started her car, Elizabeth Frazer didn't expect it would first whistle, begin smoking and finish off with loud bang Wednesday afternoon.

But it did.

Vandals had attached an "auto-fooler" firecracker device to her car's sparkplugs which created the smoking confusion.

Police have no leads in the case.

—by Bill Cauble

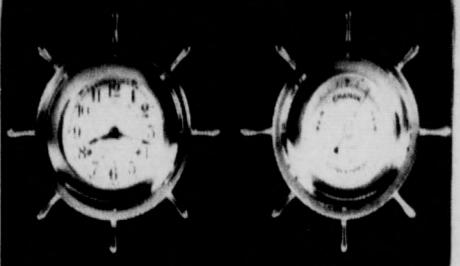


**DEBBIE SCHWEIZER**, a sophomore at Dublin High School, was the Dublin winner in the Voice of Democracy contest sponsored by the Charles Auer Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary. Subject of Debbie's tape was "What My Bicentennial Heritage Means to Me." She was encouraged to enter by her English teacher Clifford Donley. Debbie wins a commemorative pin and \$25 savings bond. Another soph, Peter Campanile, placed second. Debbie's tape will be forwarded to the upcoming sectional competition.

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By Seth Thomas



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Santa Claus will be a special guest at the movie "Freckles" during the annual Livermore Police Officers Association Children's Show tomorrow at the Vine Theater. The movie plus cartoons will be shown at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. with doors opening 15 minutes before show time. Santa will come equipped with candy canes and give them out to all good boys and girls, as he is shown doing here for Rebecca and Shawn Howard, Kelly Chamblis and Michelle Manning. Observing the action are Livermore Police Officer Brian Woodard and Vine Theater manager Bob Patton, who is donating the use of the theater to the police on Saturday.

**County grants Buenas****Alameda County Bureau**

OAKLAND — The Buenas Vidas Youth Ranch was granted a six-month extension on its \$1 per year lease from the county when the board of supervisors agreed the grounds of the former Del Valle Sanitarium showed "considerable improvement" under the tutelage of Livermore's Sally Bystroff.

The lease was granted earlier this year, but stipulated operators of the youth facility submit six month progress reports on renovation of the 50-year-old grounds.

While county administrator Loren Enoch said reports to date lacked detail, he told the board the county's building inspectors reported "considerable improvement" at the sprawling site.

Bystroff and her followers have refurbished one building as a dormitory and another as a residential center. They plan to use the grounds as a temporary home for troubled valley youths.

The Livermore Unified School District also has expressed interest in the

grounds as a site for a future environmental studies center.

Supervisor Joseph Bort's suggestion to grant a full year's extension was killed by board chairman Fred Cooper.

**Some city offices open next Friday**

PLEASANTON — Livermore and Pleasanton city offices will be open the day after Christmas, but the Valley Community Services District office in Dublin will be closed.

All three government offices will be open the day after New Year's Day. Alameda County offices will be open both days.

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**Decorating contest in full swing**

PLEASANTON — Residents of this community are invited to take part in the Christmas Home Decorating Contest being sponsored by the Pleasanton Jaycees.

Entries will be taken through Saturday.

Residences adjudged the best decorated in the spirit of the season will receive cash prizes. Jaycees will award \$75 for first, \$50 for second and \$25 for third. Judging will be accomplished by a panel of senior Pleasanton residents on Sunday evening.

Results of the contest and photos of the winning entries will run in The Times by Wednesday, Dec. 24.

Name and address of the resident should be sent to Christmas Contest, c/o Jaycees, Chamber offices, 10 W. Neal St., Pleasanton 94566.

Decorations should not be lavish and should be in keeping with the spirit of the season.

Additional information on the contest may be had by contacting co-chairmen Don Grant and Glenn Shafroth of the Jaycees.

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**Valley students take proficiency exam**

Ninety-eight Valley 16 and 17-year-olds will be part of a pioneer vanguard statewide taking the first-ever California High School Proficiency examination Saturday at Amador Valley High School.

Those passing the 150-question test which will take approximately four hours, will receive a "Certificate of Proficiency" and be able to leave high school immediately. Results of the tests should be known on or about Feb. 1, 1976.

With a "pass" notification and the signature of a parent, students can leave high school.

Approximately 12,000, of 670,000 eligible, are expected to take the exam statewide. A second proficiency test will be given March 27, 1976.

One major concern about the test is that eventually, if not immediately, the departure of students who pass the test will be felt by school districts that already claim to be financially hard-pressed from declining enrollment as well as other factors.

The test program could worsen that situation by cutting into their state aid which is allocated on the basis of student attendance.

Under the law authorizing the test, community colleges may accept all youngsters with proficiency certificates. The California State University and Colleges system reportedly plans to admit such students on the same basis (a combination of grade point average and college entrance test scores) as regular high

school graduates — even though the "proficiency" students will probably have compiled a more limited academic record in high school.

Of the 150 questions on the test, the largest number (49) are on consumer skills. Other categories of questions include 35 on math, 19 on occupational knowledge, 18 on language arts, 11 on social science, 7 on health, 7 on "community resources" and four on natural science.

Broken down by skill areas,

the questions include 56 on reading, 41 on computational math, 29 on problem solving,

15 on writing and 9 on general

A student must get 75 percent of the questions correct in order to pass.

The test questions were field tested by the State Department of Education, and the 75 percent level was found to be the average score for a cross-section of California high school seniors.

The legislation setting up the proficiency exams was authored by Sen. Arlen Greco, D-San Mateo, in 1971 and amended in 1973 to make the certificate the equivalent of a high school diploma.

—by Al Fischer

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### Holiday heroes

Ronald Cornell, Michael Richl, Mike Walters and Doug DiBari are part of the cast who will take part in Cub Scout Pack 950 "Holiday Heroes" tonight at Smith School at 7:30 p.m. The Cub Scouts will provide gifts to be distributed by the Alameda County Mental Health Association and will decorate a Christmas tree to be donated to the Bethany Home in Livermore. The Cubs will also visit the home for an evening of caroling.

### Holidays in outdoors

## East Bay Parks plan events

School's out for two weeks! A perfect time to enjoy the great outdoors.

East Bay Regional Park District planners have a full schedule of special events just for students and their families to enjoy in Bay Area parks. All parklands (including Shadow Cliffs in Pleasanton, Del Valle in Livermore and Sunol Regional Wilderness in Sunol) will be open daily, though the nature centers in Tilden (Berkeley) and Coyote Hills (Fremont) will close on Christmas and New Year's Days.

Here's the holiday schedule:

**SATURDAY, DEC. 20:** Visit to Ohlone Indian mounds at Coyote Hills, beginning 2 p.m. Nature walks on animal tracking, water plants, at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. at the Environmental Education Center.

**SUNDAY, DEC. 21:** Presentation of awards, at least one of them going to a Valley amateur photographer, from the "Parklands in Pictures" photo contest, 11 a.m. Nature walk to see migrating birds, 2 p.m., both at Coyote Hills, Fremont. At the Environmen-

tal Education Center, Berkeley, day's activities start with a nature jog at 8:30 a.m., followed by an amphibian nature walk at 10 a.m. and a mushroom class, limited to 25, 12:30 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY, DEC. 24:** Nature walk at Environmental Education Center, Tilden Park, Berkeley, 7:30-9 a.m.

**FRIDAY, DEC. 26:** "Nature on Horseback," Tilden Park, Berkeley, 10 a.m.

**SATURDAY, JAN. 3:** Indian mound visit, 2 p.m., Coyote Hills; "A Trip Along Mouse Highway" and "An Animal Signs Nature Walk," 10 a.m. (471-4967).

mushroom class, 12:30 p.m., all at Tilden Park, Berkeley.

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Details on the Berkeley and Fremont schedules may be obtained by calling the Environmental Education Center (525-2233) or Coyote Hills (471-4967).

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### Fundamental schools

## Survey forms almost ready

LIVERMORE — In two more weeks, parents and teachers will be reading their fundamental-school survey forms.

Despite skepticism which remains unabated, from parents and teachers alike, the survey forms have been approved and a mailing list is being put together. The parent form will go to all parents of kindergarteners through sixth graders (a suggestion was made to limit it to K-6, since the sixth graders won't be there next year to be in the program); but the suggestion didn't fly.

A suggestion to send the form to families of private-school students was vetoed because it would cost so much.

All parents will be asked to return the form, whether or not they are interested in a fundamental program. Parental opposition voiced on a signed form will carry more weight than filing the form in the wastebasket.

There won't be a question asking whether people would like a fundamental alternative program, instead of an

all-fundamental school. But there will be space for comments and people are expected to note their preference there.

Now will there be space to indicate whether a parent has some way of transporting his or her child out of the neighborhood, should the local school go fundamental and the parent want to change schools. One question asks whether the parent would withdraw the child but does not ask whether the child would be left in the local school unwillingly, simply for lack of a ride elsewhere.

One parent noted establishment of a fundamental school in place of an existing school program would lead to a school full of reluctant fundamental-goers while the people who originally had asked for the program would still largely be left out in the cold.

At their Tuesday night school board meeting, trustees decided to ask for the names and ages of children in respondents' families, whether or not they were interested in a fundamental program.

Support for using a neighbor-

hood school for the program came from several local parents, including BART director Bob Allen, who sent letters to the school board on the subject. Ten teachers at Joe Michell School signed a petition in favor of "going fundamental" there, while 20 of their colleagues petitioned against it.

The teachers' survey is designed to be returned to the

personnel office only by teachers interested in being in the new fundamental program, which starts next September.

The teacher survey is to be returned by Jan. 16. Personnel director Sterling Macfarlane and fundamental school principal-to-be Joe Mirici will have a leading role in selecting the fundamental school staff.

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**Brit-Am Club**

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No-host cocktails at 7:30 p.m. will be followed by a prime rib dinner with all the trimmings at 8:30 and dancing to the beat of the "Yachtmen" from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Admission is by reservation only. Reservations at \$15 per person may be made through Bill Gatewood, 2841 Ryan Rd., Concord, Calif. 94518 no later than Dec. 27. For more information contact George Strang at 687-4348.

**Club Capsules****Women's Political Caucus**

The National Women's Political Caucus of Southern Alameda County recently elected officers for 1976-77.

They are Kathie McKenney and Betty Moose, co-chairwomen; Cheryl Frasca, secretary; Georgie Brooke, corresponding secretary; Clivia Martin, treasurer. The state representative and alternate are Celestine Ran-

dall and Lillian Kessler, respectively.

The new officers will host a state-wide NWPC steering committee meeting in January.

The NWPC is an organization whose major purpose is to increase the involvement of women in the political sphere.

**Senior Citizens**

Highlights of the Christmas party for the Livermore Senior Citizens Club set Sunday, Dec. 21 will be a gift exchange, a program by the club's choral group at 12:45 p.m., and a visit from Santa at 1:30 p.m. All activities are at the Livermore Recreation Center.

The choral group appears again at the Crestwood Lodge at 3:30 p.m.

A card party is planned today at the recreation center, with table prizes and refreshments included in the 50-cent donation. Play begins at 1:30 p.m.

**Concert tonight**

Songwriter Malvina Reynolds — best known as composer of such songs as "Little Boxes," "Turn Around," and "What have they done to the rain?" — will sing her compositions in a concert tonight at Livermore's Presbyterian Church.

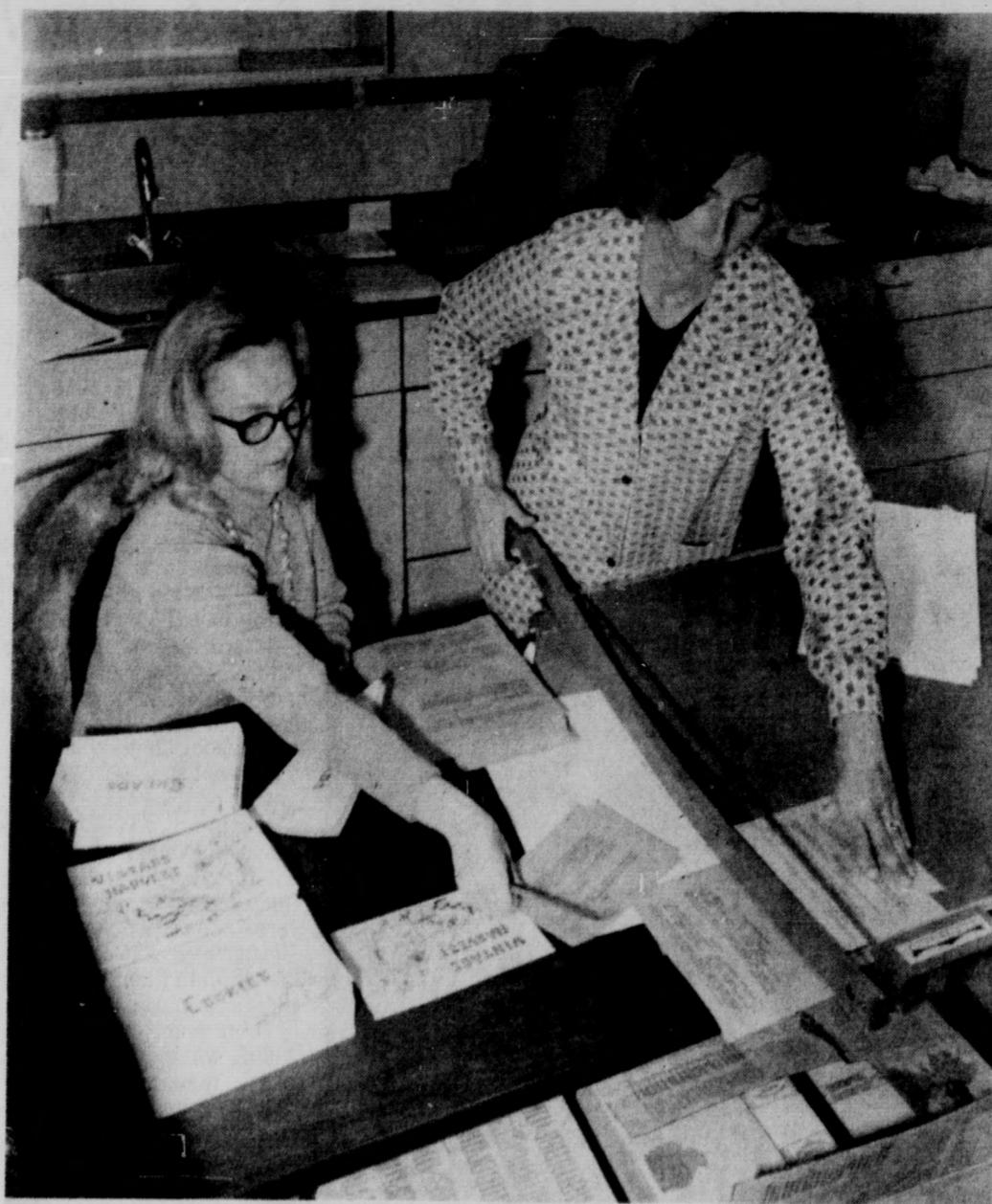
Tickets at \$2.50 per person for the 8 p.m. concert will be sold at the door.

The concert is sponsored by the Unitarian Fellowship of Livermore to raise funds for building.

**Pi Rho**

Pi Rho Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi hails the holiday season with a party hosted by Jay and Barbara Harris of 775 Bonde Ct., Pleasanton.

The chapter gathers at 9 p.m.

**Culinary Christmas gift**

Putting finishing touches on the new *Vintage Harvest* cookbook — just in time for Christmas gift-giving — are Carolyn Dahel and Sandy McClary of the Vintage Hills PTA. More than 150 recipes have been compiled into the imaginatively-illustrated book which is available at Vintage Hills School. Proceeds from the sale of *'Vintage Harvest'* will help purchase playground equipment for the school and finance landscaping. Chairman of the project is Mrs. McClary.

**Alisal Lodge installation set**

Ross D. Worboys will be installed as Worshipful Master in an open ceremony at Alisal Lodge No. 321, F. & A.M., 328 St. Mary St., Pleasanton.

The ceremony commences at 8 p.m.

Also to be installed at that time are Jerry C. Clough as Senior Warden and Albert J. Cranfill as Junior Warden.

**Soroptimists**

The names of 13 local women have been submitted in the search for a member of the community most deserving of the "Woman Helping Woman" award sponsored for the first time by the Livermore Soroptimist Club.

The award will be presented in February, with the winner competing for honors at the club's district level. Serving on the committee to select the woman to be honored are Honorary Chairman Arthur Futch, mayor of Livermore, Chairman Genevieve Proctor, Jim Pearson and Mrs. Tom Bailey.

**Cancer society**

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**Valley Spokesmen**

The Valley Spokesmen bicycle touring club will reminisce over past rides at a Christmas celebration tonight at Shannon Community Center in Dublin.

Members will gather at 6 p.m., bringing a potluck dish to serve 12 and beer or wine. The club will provide coffee and soft drinks. Dinner will be served at 7 o'clock.

Those planning to attend should contact Corliss Os-

bourn at 443-9235. Members are also urged to bring non-perishable food donations for a needy family.

**Lamaze**

"The Story of Eric, Shared Beginning," a Lamaze child-birth film, will be shown at the Livermore Red Cross building Friday, Dec. 19 at 7:30 p.m.

The film is sponsored by the American Society for Psychoprophylaxis in Obstetrics which is organized to acquaint the public with alternative to the common labor experience.

The showing is open to the public at a nominal charge.

**Cartoon Day**

A full-length cartoon starring Mr. Magoo will be shown for kids grown restless after a week's vacation Monday, Dec. 29 from 1 to 3 p.m. at Fredriksen School in Dublin.

Tickets at only 50 cents per child may be purchased in advance by calling 828-5498 or 828-0586 Popcorn and coke will be sold.

The Cartoon Day sponsored by the Dublin-San Ramon Junior Women's Club features Moby Dick, Captain Kidd, Long John Silver and Magoo in the story of the 40-days flood.

**Pleasanton Newcomers**

The Elegant Bib Restaurant of Alamo will be the setting for a Jan. 7 luncheon for the Pleasanton Newcomers Club.

The menu consists of a choice of stuffed chicken or stuffed prawns, with soup, wine and dessert for \$4.50 per person. Reservations must be made through Brenda Malinski at 462-2184 or Marty Wade-kamer at 846-4985 by Jan. 2.

Guest speaker at the luncheon will be a speech pathologist. Babysitting services will be available at the Presbyterian church at \$1.50 per child.

**ABWA**

A "Ferroequinologist" will be the guest speaker at the Dec. 19 dinner meeting of the Livermore Valley Charter Chapter of American Business Women's Association.

Daniel B. Kuhn, an "Iron Horse Fan," will present a slide show on AMTRAK and on the American Freedom Train. Kuhn has given lectures on trains since the age of 10.

AISHA will be the club's mystery guest that evening, and a special drawing will raise funds for scholarships.

Cocktails will be served at 7 p.m. at Hap's Restaurant in Pleasanton, with dinner at 7:30 p.m.

**I.O.O.F.**

Livermore Encampment Auxiliary No. 129 has elected the following officers for 1976:

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## Fleenor new chief at hospital

LIVERMORE — James M. Fleenor, 53, presently assistant director at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Albany, N.Y., will assume the directorship of Livermore's VA hospital effective Jan. 18.

Fleenor replaces John Lee, director of the Livermore hospital for the last 18 months. Lee will become director of the VA hospital in Vancouver, Wash.

Fleenor joined the VA in Feb. 1946 in Philadelphia after a three-year stint in the Army during World War II. His experience includes two years at the VA hospital in Tuskegee, Ala., from 1964-66.

He became assistant director at the Roanoke, Long Island VA hospital in 1966 and was transferred to the same post in Grand Island, Mich. He was assistant director of the Canandaigua, N.Y. institution from 1969-73, and was employed at the Albany hospital until the new appointment to Livermore next month.

## Childhood board meets Monday

DUBLIN — The Early Childhood Education parent advisory board will meet Monday, Jan. 5 with parent volunteers at Cronin School, 6901 York Dr.

All parents interested in having input in the ECE program are asked to attend. According to Ryan McKeon, principal, the state mandates there be 51 per cent of higher parent involvement at the meetings.

All ECE volunteers and interested parents that would like to become volunteer aides are requested to attend a briefing and sign-up meeting the same day (Monday, Jan. 5) at 1 p.m. in A Pod at Cronin.



## Volunteers assist students

Library volunteers, from left, Mary Wilson, Carol Kuhlenbeck and Charlene Burns, assist students with selecting books and restock shelves, part of the many vital duties they accomplish each week in Pleasanton district schools. Presently, there are over 50 volunteers working in the libraries. Under the direction of the staff library assistants, they help children to locate and use materials, file cards, repair books, check out and later card and shelve materials. Children here in Valley View School library are Carolyn Porpat and Tom Gonsalves. Mrs. Consuelo Wanek Times Photo

## Club elects Dublin couple

DUBLIN — A husband-wife team from Dublin were recently elected to three positions as officers of two car clubs including the Northern California Street Rod Association.

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## Grading articulation

# Essays launch program

PLEASANTON — Some 500 Amador school district students will write essays in early January as the initial step in a project to accomplish improved grading articulation amongst English teachers in four districts involved.

Jack Ogden, head of the English department at Amador Valley High School, says the "Hot Idea" is quite similar to one originated at Drake High School in San Anselmo about six years ago.

A member of the Graduation Task Force formed by the Amador Valley Joint High School District, Ogden is part of a Level II panel (of the task force) working on articulation in the English composition area.

Ogden submitted the "Drake Project" concept to the Hot Idea fund of the district.

In order for the idea to be accepted and implemented, it had to meet certain criteria, including the following:

1) The idea is new to the Amador district but tested and used at Sir Francis Drake High School.

2) The project will benefit students and teachers in all three high schools (of the Amador) and also give direction to the English Graduation Task Force Committee, Level II.

3) The impact on the instructional program will be immediate in that the articulated methods, skills and ideas will strengthen all three high schools.

4) English teachers at the three high schools would like to practice this form of com-

parative writing evaluation on a regular basis in each department; thus, we need to work out the details, plan strategies, and participate as a group in the writing project.

(5) An appropriation will complete this level of the writing project, but the project will continue at each high school with yearly evaluation and updating of procedures.

(6) This is a Graduation Task Force (of the Amador) articulation project which will not require modification of school plant or staff training.

(7) Funds in the amount of \$497.25 (at the rate of \$29.25) for 17 substitute teachers to cover classes of regular instructors for one day will be needed.

As now planned, the 500 students will write essays on or about Thursday, Jan. 8, with all to be written on the same subject.

Coordinated by the Level II group of the GTF's English committee, the writing project will give teachers at Amador, Dublin and Foothill one view of the comparative writing abilities of the students in the Amador District.

According to Ogden, "The central assumption underlying the project is that if students write under conditions which eliminate as many variables as possible, and, if each

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# Livermore group against frosh cuts

A delayed reaction fuse was touched off this week in the aftermath of sports budget trimming by the EBAL. Two weeks after the league's board of managers chopped freshman football, basketball and baseball from the roster, Livermore parents are mobilizing for a reinstatement campaign.

They'll ask the EBAL to reconsider the emergency budget slashes. And if the league refuses, a plea for reinstatement will still be carried to the Livermore Unified School District.

"There is widespread dissatisfaction over the cuts," says Bill Robison, head of the 20-member Livermore Citizens' Committee To Restore Freshman Sports. "We felt it was a giant step backwards. When kids are asking for more programs, we ought to be looking for ways to increase, not cut back."

The small cadre of parents from Livermore and Granada high schools, launched a petition drive this week, and is urging a letter writing barrage, aimed at principals, school board members and superintendents within EBAL boundaries.

Robison predicts that support and membership of his committee will swell in the coming weeks. The Livermore-based group says it will venture into neighboring towns to unite all opposition to the cuts.

Robison expressed his committee's concern Monday night at the Livermore school district board meeting. A position paper will be drafted this weekend, he said.

Robison, an employee at Lawrence Livermore Laboratory, and a former youth soccer commissioner, also indicated he would carry the committee's intentions to the next EBAL board meeting Jan. 5. Then on Jan. 20, the frosh sports issue will again be discussed by the Livermore school board.

That is the extent of the committee's game plan right now. If the EBAL does not relent, the committee will insist that Livermore high schools resume those three abandoned frosh sports next September on an independent basis.

"Those sports are a rallying point, a focal point for the whole freshman class," Robison claimed. "And the cuts don't just effect the kids who play them. There are the yell girls, the girls who make the banners, the participation of the entire student body."

According to Robison, it would cost Livermore's school district \$6,000 to finance the three freshman teams next year. The district does not dispute the figure. It just says it can't afford it.

Robison isn't convinced "I'm not willing to go along completely with the idea there's no money," he said. "But I want to be more educated about that."

Nevertheless, that citizens' committee insists frosh sports can be rescued, even if the financial outlook is dreary. It's a matter of priorities, they say. The feeling is that if cuts are mandated, they should be administered at something below the "program level." The committee offers no alternative economy measures, however.

Meanwhile, as parents clamor for a return to normalcy, the EBAL faces the spectre of more budget tightening.

Superintendents and the league board will meet again in January to confront the prospect. Grim predictions of 20 per cent slashes are being bandied about.

Nevertheless, the citizens' committee is confident it can restore freshman programs by September.

"We think there's enough concern, and we can bring enough pressure to bear, if need be, so that I think our chances are pretty good," Robison said. "I think people are upset about this."

"The school district has been receptive to us," he added; "and the superintendent said it would certainly be looked at again. They understand our concern."

"I'm not sure our district was the prime mover in this thing," Robison added.

"The thing is, with social conditions the way they are, we should be looking to increase programs. We feel for the amount of money involved here, that priorities are getting all screwed up."

Robison has one son playing sports at the freshman level this year in Livermore. Next year he will have none. Many of the parents in his committee, he claimed, have youngsters already graduated from the district's athletic program.

— Mike Zampa

## Dublin cagers meet MSJ

Fighting to prove it is the best 1-4 team around, Dublin High meets Mission San Jose today at 4 in the second round of the Amador Basketball Classic.

It is the first game in the losers' bracket, but try telling the Gaels they're losers. Dublin dropped a 58-57 decision to 10th ranked St. Joseph's Wednesday night after leading by a point with two minutes left in the game. At first nobody gave Dublin a chance against one of the powers of the Catholic Athletic League. As the game progressed, however, the Gaels proved they'll stay in the game with anybody this season.

In fact, they could be considered a favorite this afternoon against Mission San Jose. But the Warriors too surprised people by playing close to Fremont of Oakland Wednesday night. Mission lost by nine at 60-51.

The Mission-Dublin game today could be one of the interesting matchups of the tournament. The teams will be nearly equal in height, and both are liable to unleash a full court press.

Dublin will hope for another good shooting night from guard Kory Porter, who scored a game-high 13 against St. Joseph's. Center Cliff Johnson had 12 points and Kevin Huska contributed 10.

In other action tonight at Amador High School, Fremont will meet St. Joseph's.

## Malone out until January

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Moses Malone probably will not be available to the Spirits of St. Louis until some time in January, the American Basketball Association team announced.

The 6-foot-10 Malone, acquired by the Spirits when the Utah Stars folded, was placed

on the 15-day injured-reserve list. He has not played a game this season because of a broken bone in his foot.

The former high school standout from Petersburg, Va., was signed to a million dollar contract by the Stars two years ago.

## Times Sports

MIKE ZAMPA, editor

### Aquacowboy team receives trophy

Mrs. Herb Turnbull inaugurated a memorial trophy in the name of her late husband this week to be presented monthly to the top Livermore Aquacowboy swimmer.

The presentation was made to Aquacowboy coach Gus DeGara at the team's awards banquet. The Turnbull name has long been prominent in Aquacowboy swimming.

Herb's son Jim was one of the all-time record holders in the club, later to become an outstanding swimmer at Livermore High School, and presently at powerful Diablo Valley College.

Year-end awards were presented at the banquet to the following swimmers:

Girls — Lisa Rasmussen, 8-under outstanding, Roberta Borree most improved; 10-under — Tricia Carvacho, outstanding; Susie Boyes, improved; 11-12 — Amy Leider, outstanding, Sheila Perkins, improved; 13-14 — Patty Daley, outstanding, Beth Rivenes, improved; 15-18 — Arlene Daley, outstanding.

Susan Happe, improved

Boys — Boyd Bangerter, 8-under outstanding and improved; 10-under — Kevin Kyle, outstanding, Mike Ruffner, improved; 11-12 — Jim Borree, outstanding, Richard Ludwig, improved; 13-14 — Steve Ruffner, outstanding, Andy Rivenes, improved; 15-18 — David Eckard, outstanding, Norm Kern, improved.

Swimmer of the Year — Jackie Ellis

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back, 43.0, 4th 100 free, 1:20.8, 6th

200 free, 2:57.6

Girls 11-12 — Joy Foglesong, 2nd

100 back, 1:23.8, 3rd 200 IM, 2:57.9,

5th 50 breast, 44.6; Sheila Perkins, 3rd

100 fly, 1:32.9, 4th 50 fly, 34.0, 5th

200 free, 2:48.5, 5th 100 back, 1:28.7,

6th 200 IM, 3:01.9

Girls 13-14 — Tamara Burns, 1st

200 breast, 2:59.7 (A), 3rd 100 breast,

1:28.9, 4th 50 free, 31.6, 5th 200 IM,

2:51.6, 5th 200 free, 2:30.4

Boys 13-14 — Chris Ruzicka, 1st

200 IM, 2:30.6 (A)

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tered at something below the "program level." The committee offers no alternative economy measures, however.

Meanwhile, as parents clamor for a return to normalcy, the EBAL faces the spectre of more budget tightening.

Superintendents and the league board will meet again in January to confront the prospect. Grim predictions of 20 per cent slashes are being bandied about.

Nevertheless, the citizens' committee is confident it can restore freshman programs by September.

"We think there's enough concern, and we can bring enough pressure to bear, if need be, so that I think our chances are pretty good," Robison said. "I think people are upset about this."

"The school district has been receptive to us," he added; "and the superintendent said it would certainly be looked at again. They understand our concern."

"I'm not sure our district was the prime mover in this thing," Robison added.

"The thing is, with social conditions the way they are, we should be looking to increase programs. We feel for the amount of money involved here, that priorities are getting all screwed up."

Robison has one son playing sports at the freshman level this year in Livermore. Next year he will have none. Many of the parents in his committee, he claimed, have youngsters already graduated from the district's athletic program.

— Mike Zampa

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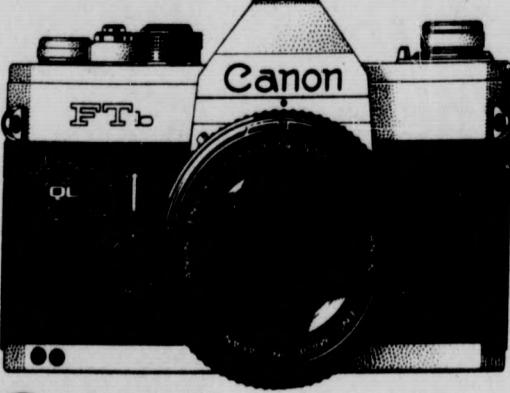
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On sports

## You gotta be a football hero

Mike Zampa

Politics is a whole new ball game. Once it took money, social standing and the Pendergast Machine to get elected. Now all that's required is a pipeline to the public.

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Throw a football or a baseball and you might wind up dictator.

Athletes have already made inroads at Washington. Olympian Bob Mathias is in Congress and so is quarterback Jack Kemp.

Now they're after George Blanda to join the team. Sometime last week came a story that the Republican Party is scouting the Oakland Raider quarterback and place kicker. That was before he missed a field goal and two extra points in Sunday's game with the Houston Oilers. But no matter, George's legend is too tall to be overshadowed by one earthly breakdown.

The G.O.P. seems to think he'd do just fine in Congress, maybe enter the halls at the 11th hour to break a trade bill log jam, or cast the deciding vote in upholding a presidential veto. George always had that dramatic flair.

Before the next draft of rookie representatives the Republican's scouting combine will give Blanda the once-over. He'll be checked for ability to go left or right on an issue, fake deftly in debate and they'll also want his time in the 40 in case he's needed to round up votes for key legislation.

Of course the Republicans endangered themselves by releasing the name of their draft choice prematurely. There is another league, and there's no telling what kind of subterfuge they'd stoop to over there. Considering their outlook for 1976, they might just offer George a multi-year, no-cut contract as President. Think of the endorsement possibilities.

But regardless of where he signs, Blanda could touch off renewed migration from athletics to politics if he survives the Congressional cut.

Gary Davidson might have to form a second Congress to handle the overflow.

Famous name athletes could pop up in every branch of governmental service. Consider the possibilities.

Bill Bradley could be President. He's a Princeton man with post-graduate training at Oxford. With the Knicks in last place he'd have trouble swinging the New York state vote. But Bradley has a hole-card. Robert Redford is very fond of him.

The first lady could be Billie Jean King. Of course she would be forced to swallow feminist pride to take the job. But irrepressible B.J.K. might revamp the succession laws and wind up a heart-beat away from the Oval Office, as they say.

Duane Thomas could be Bradley's press secretary. Thomas has never spoken to a news person in his life. But that already places him above the last couple of guys who held the job. At least Duane wouldn't tell lies.

To stock the President's cabinet, Jerry Quarry could be secretary of defense. His career of non-violence in boxing might bring fresh approaches to the nation's military posture. The danger would come from foreign contenders rushing to sign up the U.S. as a stepping stone to the world title.

Promoter Don King shapes up as the country's next treasury secretary. King arose from the gutter to become a millionaire. From first hand experience he could relate to the country's present economic status.

Joe Namath, naturally, will be the President's chief domestic advisor. What domesticated man in America couldn't do with some pointers from Broadway Joe, star of Curfew Capers?

Jimmy The Greek should be attorney general. Then we'd all have the monkey off our back where betting football games is concerned.

New York City's next mayor could be Joe DiMaggio. He is far handsomer than Abe Beam, equally as charming as John Lindsay. Joltin' Joe can be no worse a fiscal organizer than either of those two. He also makes an excellent cup of coffee. "The best I've ever tasted."

Leo Nomellini most likely would be DiMaggio's counterpart in San Francisco. For one, "Nomo" is Italian. Secondly, he doesn't own a shipping line. If he did, he wouldn't be foolish enough to base it on The City's crippled waterfront.

On the international level, start with Charles O. Finley as United Nations ambassador. In an organization where members are renowned for mule-like stubbornness, Finley would be a natural. Be on guard, though, in case he seeks U.N. permission to move the whole country to Australia.

As governor of Siberia, Woody Hayes is the choice. The climate and the personality would be well suited. If he got homesick, Woody could punch. The Volga Boatman.

# Campbell rallies Mats to win

WALNUT CREEK — Call everyone back from the air raid shelter. Scott Campbell, the unnatural disaster in sneakers, has blown through and won't return for another year.

With the subtlety of a longshoreman's free speech message, Campbell exploded all

over Las Lomas High in the fourth quarter to give Granada a 47-36 basketball win yesterday afternoon. The victory boosted Granada to 4-0 and erased some of the embarrassment after the Matadors fell behind by 13 points.

Campbell, the senior for-

ward, was the epitome of Granada's beauty and the beast style of play. The 6-3 senior missed his first 11 shots against the Knights and had just one point by halftime.

In the fourth quarter, however, he pulled down three rebounds, two on the offensive boards, stole the ball three times, assisted one score and himself loose for 10 points.

The Matadors went into the fourth period leading by six. Campbell's outstanding play doubled the margin at the final buzzer.

Despite his heroic climax, Campbell was not the Matadors' high scoring leader. That honor went to Joe Wujek, who pumped in 14 points, including 10 in the third quarter.

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But with 4:31 to go in the second period, coach Pat Fracisco turned to his zone press and the Knight's lead was steadily diminished.

The Matador press produced seven turnovers and allowed Granada to run off a streak of 14 straight points.

Mike Fracisco was the

scoring savior in the opening

half, hitting four of five field goals for Granada.

With the press spooking Las Lomas, the Matadors pulled within a point at half-time.

In the third quarter Wujek went to work, grabbing a game-high 11 rebounds and Granada was home free.

The Matadors forced Las Lomas into 23 turnovers thanks in large part to that press. They, in turn, threw the ball away 13 times.

The defense under the basket also tightened up in the second half, limiting the Knights' Jarvis to a single free throw. He muscled his way to seven points at half-time.

For Granada, Fracisco finished with eight points and Tom Tanasovich added six.

—Mike Zampa

Granada 5 14 12 16  
Las Lomas 10 10 6 10 36



MATADOR PLAYER TAKES A SHOT

Scott Campbell stars for Mats

## Arroyo Dons breeze, 51-36

Arroyo High School had the basketball almost to itself in breezing to a 51-36 win over Bishop O'Dowd in last night's Amador Valley tournament action.

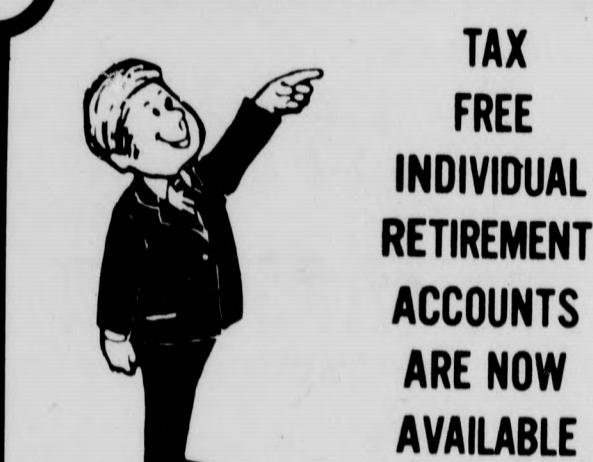
The team from San Leandro controlled the ball from the start and gave the Dragons few chances to score. Meanwhile, the Dons, while not setting the net on fire, got a 16-point output from guard Greg Soares to pace their offensive game.

While first quarter came up even at 10-10 Arroyo began to pull away in the second period. Soares began to hit midway range jumpers and the Dons ran off eight straight points to jump ahead at half 24-17. Arroyo was holding the ball, only shooting when a clear shot was present. They also gave the Dragons fits on defense, using a 2-3 zone to collapse on 6-6 center Guy Williams. Williams did manage to get in a game high 19 points but found himself repeatedly surrounded by Dons.

Arroyo goes into the semi-finals tonight at 7 p.m., playing either Redwood High or Amador. Bishop O'Dowd finds itself in the loser's bracket at 4 p.m., playing the loser of the previous game.

—Bob Ferguson

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## Falcons play Royce tonight

Foothill High School will not be able to open its new gym tonight.

As a result the Falcons' basketball game with Royce High School of Oakland has been moved to Dublin High School tonight. The junior varsity game starts at 6:30 and the varsity contest will follow at 8.

"Our gym floor has been the problem," Falcon coach Tom Hansen said. "It needs three sandings and the third one is being done now. We hope to be able to use the gym for a Dec. 30 game with Marina High School."

Despite the delay of the gym's opening, the game must go on. Foothill is 0-3 for the non-league season but has shown some promise.

"Inexperience has hurt us," Hansen admits. "That and the fact our execution hasn't been that good."

The Falcons have four juniors and one sophomore in their lineup. Sophomore Rick Rosenbach (6-foot-1) will start at one guard and junior Keith Swer (5-foot-11) will start at the other. Greg Stannies (6-foot-3) and Mike Owen (6-foot-2) man the forward spots while 6-foot-3 Steve Sperber is the starting center.

When the Falcons take the floor against the small Oakland school they could have some tough competition. The Falcons beat Royce last season but the Oaklanders have one outstanding player back.

"He's about 6-foot-4 and can really go to the basket well," Hansen said. "We expect a good game."

## Granada wrestlers romp

Taking advantage of five pin wins and two forefits Granada High School's wrestling team breezed to an impressive 55-10 victory over Campolando yesterday on the losers' mats.

### Cleveland cager out 2-3 weeks

CLEVELAND (AP) — Cleveland State University officials said Monday basketball scoring leader Larry Croom has been lost to the team for minimum of two or three games with "strained knee ligaments and possible cartilage damage."

Croom, a 6-foot-5 junior forward, was averaging 19.5 points a game for the Vikings going into last Saturday night's game here with Tennessee Tech. He was injured on a drive to the basket about five minutes into the game after scoring just two points.

### MV loses

Monte Vista High School lost a 60-13 decision to powerful Clayton Valley. The Mustang junior varsity also lost, 78-0.

The Matadors, now 5-1 in non-league competition, got off to a fast start with three straight pins in the light weights. Stan Gancus got the ball rolling for Granada with a w57 second round pin in the 95-pound class. Teammates Roy Davis and Brett Nadau followed with pins in the 103 and 112-pound classes respectively to give the Matadors a 15-0 advantage.

Other Granada pins went to Brent Dixon in the 165-pound division and Ron Freeman in the heavyweight class. Freeman pinned his opponent in 54 seconds of the first round and Dixon got his pin in the second round.

Three Matador wrestlers took victories by decisions. Jay McGowan won his 127-pound class by taking a 8-2 decision. Bob Duncan the 133-pound division with a 13-4 win and Steve Jaeger the 177-pound class with a 9-1 victory. Jim Laflin (145) and Mike Tearney (181) won by forfeiting.

Matador coach Steve Page had praise for 154-pound wrestler Scott Rychovsky who had a 10-10 draw.

"Scott really wrestled well in coming from behind to gain

the tie," Page said. "He was behind 7-3 at the end of the first round, 7-6 at the second round break and was down 10-8 in the third round before rallying."

The Matadors will participate in the Livermore Wrestling Tournament tomorrow. They will compete at South Lake Tahoe in two weeks.

### Varsity Results

95—Gancus, G. p. Rogers, C. g. 57 of 1st round; 103—Davis, G. p. Miller, C. 55 of 1st round; 112—Nedau, G. p. VanMcDermid, C. 149 of 2nd round; 120—Lang, C. d. Stoner, G. 150; 127—McGowan, G. d. Mason, C. 8-2; 133—Duncan, G. d. Blod, C. 134; 138—Cunningham, G. d. Whetstone, G. 4-2; 145—Laflin, G. forfeit win; 154—Rychovsky, G. and Konkel, C. tied 10-10; 165—Dixon, G. p. Thomas, C. 34 of 2nd round; 177—Jaeger, G. d. Jamison, C. 9-1; 191—Tearney, G. g. forfeit win; 196—Freeman, G. p. Henry, C. 54 of 1st round.

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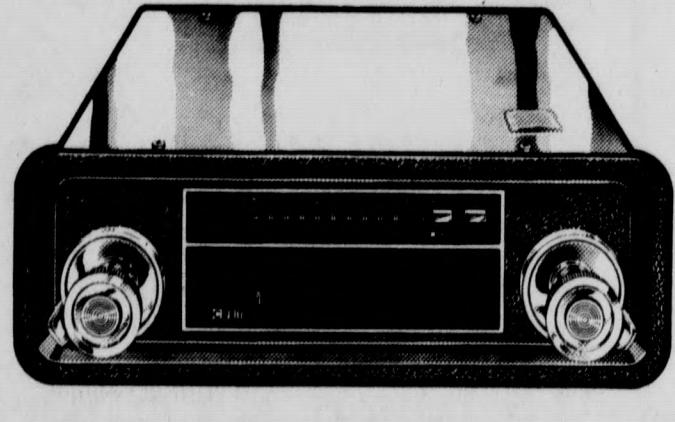
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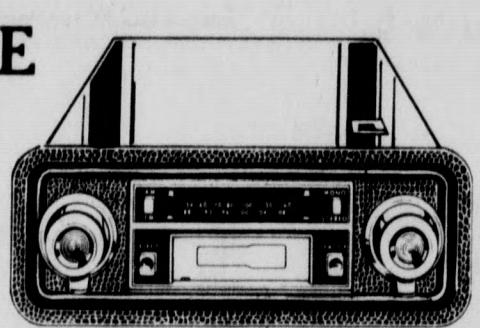
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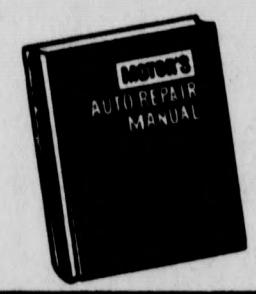


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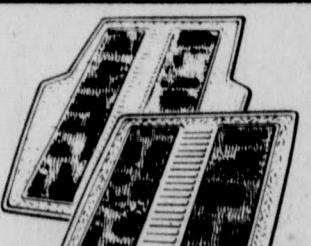
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## Presbyterian Church model unveiled

Jim Hagaman, outgoing chairman of the Presbyterian Community Church Building Committee, extends his best wishes to Ed Bynum, incoming chairman. The men

shake hands over the model of the "new look" for the church when it is moved and expanded.

### Christmas Cantata

**LIVERMORE** — "For Us a Child is Born," a Christmas Cantata by J.S. Bach, will be presented at the Sunday morning duplicate, family worship services at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Livermore. An 11-piece string orchestra will accompany the Senior Choir in this presentation. Soloists will include Mrs. Mitzi Kuhn, contralto; Olav Vik, tenor and Ronald Lee, baritone. Mrs. Jeannine Woolery is the director with Mrs. Margery Wasley as organist.

Choir members are Fran Blomgren, Mona Furnberg, Carole Kehl, Ruth Johnson, Shirley Nelson, Clarence Olson, Helen Pothoff, Betty Wyler, Barbara Zinser, Mary Lee Huffman, Jean Lee, Julie Roth, Lori Vik, Roger Ide, Neal Person, Clifford Olsen, Bernie Roth and Ed Woolery.

The orchestra is composed of Fred Honour, Nila Lee, Bob Jacobson, Mary Ann Butler, Robert Lee and Jean De Super, violins; Sharon Wise and Al Kaufman, violas; Alan Copeland and Nancy O'Connell, cello and Alan Frank, Bass.

The Holy Eucharist will be celebrated at both services. Celebrant will be the pastor, the Reverend Milton C. Johnson.

### New Orthodox mission here

**WALNUT CREEK** — The Orthodox Church in America has founded a mission church in Walnut Creek which meets regularly at 1543 Sunnyside Ave. in the chapel of the United Methodist Church.

St Michael's Orthodox Mission is under the Diocese of San Francisco and western United States. Orthodox Church in America, which branches are the only Orthodox churches whose official language is English. Divine Liturgy services are held at 10:30 a.m. every Sunday and feastdays with Religious education at 9:45 a.m.

The new mission, one year and one month old, was started with six families. It now has grown to 18 families, three of which come from the valley.

Their pastor, the Reverend

### Children's Christmas

**DUBLIN** — "A Children's Christmas" will be celebrated at John Knox United Presbyterian Church this Sunday at 9:30 a.m., as the children and youth of the Church School lead the congregation in worship at that time. The pageant "On Coming to the Creche" was written by the youth and their teachers and will be presented as a part of the family service.

The liturgical dancers will be lighting the "Gospel Candle" on the Advent Wreath for this fourth Sunday in the Season in anticipation and preparation for Christmas.

Following the worship, there will be a "Spirit Surprise" party for everyone at 10:30 a.m.

The traditional Candlelight Christmas Eve Communion service will be held on Wednesday evening, Dec. 24 at 8 p.m. at John Knox Church. The service will begin with the lighting of candles and concluding with the "Christ Candle." Rev Jim Griffes' theme for the evening is "Christmas Nostalgia, Faith and Fun" which will be celebrated in carol-singing, anthems by the Chancel Choir, scripture readings, and sharing in the Lord's Supper, followed by a "Silent Night" recessional with candles.

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### Lutheran

**DUBLIN** — The lighting of the Angel's Candle will take place on the fourth Sunday in Advent, Dec. 21, at the Lutheran Church of the Resurrection in Dublin. Worship services are at 8:30 and 11 a.m. with Sunday School for all ages at 9:45.

The Advent anthems will be "Quickly Run the Shepherds" by the children's choir at 8:30 and the "Bells on Christmas Day" by the Chancel Choir at the later service. The sermon, entitled "A World on Tiptoe" will be given by Pastor David Au-

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### St. Augustine

**PLEASANTON** — The annual Retreat for the men of St. Augustine's parish will be held at San Damiano in Danville on the weekend of Jan. 2-4. This is a good time to take stock of yourself at a quiet and prayerful setting nearby. For further information contact Leon Dillenburg, 846-2755 or Neil Sweeney, 846-2649.

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### St. Philip

**DUBLIN** — Sunday worship service at St. Philip Lutheran Church will be at 8:30 a.m. with a Holy Communion celebration at 11 a.m. The sermon topic will be "The Announcement of the Good News" from Luke 1:26-38. Sunday school classes begin at 9:45 a.m.

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### Community

**PLEASANTON** — This Sunday Valley Community Church will combine church and junior church for a special Christmas presentation based on Jimmy Otis' Christmas music and a play by the junior church.

Valley Community Church meets in the multipurpose room of Amador Valley High School at 10 a.m. Pastor Leroy Heath will share a "Very Special Christmas Message."

Coffee and punch will be served during a fellowship time following the worship service.

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# Church News

## Adventist school on cursed land

**LIVERMORE** — A special Christmas program, under the direction of Leslie Miller, superintendent, will be presented at the Livermore Seventh-day Adventist Church on Sat. at 9:30 a.m. Mrs. Miller will give a spiritual version of "The Night Before Christmas." The kindergarten and primary children of the Sabbath School will participate in a Manger scene with songs and narrative.

On 13th Sabbath, which occurs at the end of each quarter-period, a special offering is taken for a specific mission project, states Leslie Miller. At this time a secondary school is to be built on "cursed" land in a tiny West Pacific island in the Gilbert Islands. The first Adventist missionaries to this area were driven out with stones and their houses burned, says Miller.

When pioneer John Howse asked the King of Abemama for land for a school, he was allocated an acre that was supposedly bewitched. No one would pick the coconuts or walk across it, says Miller. All sorts of ghosts, devils and

apparitions were reported to have been seen there.

Unable to obtain labor for building, Howse used the crew of a passing ship. The islanders looked on in awe, expecting them to be struck dead. But the Adventist missionaries "broke the spell," and today students go from almost all the islands to school at Kauna on Abemama, Miller reports.

The school at Kauna is known for its high standard of English and musical attainment. But it is in desperate need of dormitory facilities, according to the superintendent. The girls live in three buildings made of wooden

walls covered with wire netting. Wooden slat beds are crammed side by side with little or no room between. The boys' two dormitories are similar. Bathing and toilet facilities are primitive. The school is now to be rebuilt and upgraded to secondary level and this offering will be a special pre-Christmas gift.

### Methodist

**DUBLIN** — Pastor Wayne Kessel of Valley United Methodist Church will speak on the subject "Spirits of Christmas, Past, Present and Future," based on Matthew 1.

Church school classes at the Camp Parks Chapel for pre-school through junior high are held at 8:45 a.m. with a coffee fellowship following at 9:45. Methodist youth fellowship will meet again on Jan. 4.

On Dec. 31 the choir rehearsals for youth and adults will resume at 7 p.m. followed by the adult study group on the life and teachings of Jesus.

### Candlelight service

**LIVERMORE** — The special Christmas worship service of the First Presbyterian Church of Livermore will be celebrated this Sunday at 10:30 a.m. Reverend William Nebo will give the message with Malvern Sweet participating as Lay Leader. Music by the choir includes: "Honor and Glory" and "Carol of the Bamboo Flute." Church school and adult education continues at 9:30 a.m.

An organ recital will be rendered by Maryann Jones at 3 p.m. Sunday, in the Sanctuary.

Candlelight service is to be conducted on Christmas Eve, at 11 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Music includes: "Breakforth," "Lo How a Rose E're Blooming," and "Jesus, Rest your Head" by the choir.

The children will present their Christmas service at 6:30 p.m. Sunday. The Christmas Eve schedule will consist of a family service at 7:30 p.m. with lesson and carols and the midnight service starting at 11:30 p.m. with a message and choral singing. Holy Communion will also be served. A Christmas Day festival service is planned for 10:15 a.m.

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### Cash movie

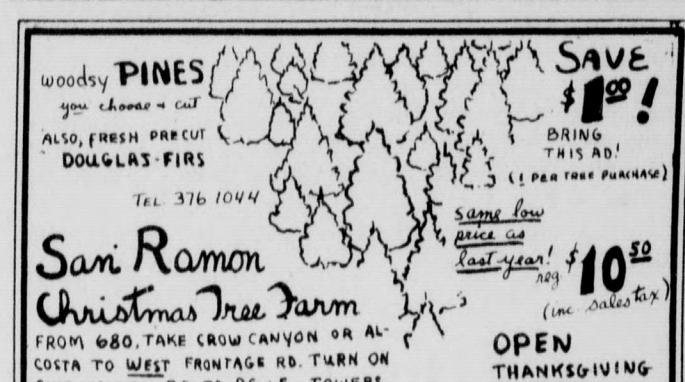
**LIVERMORE** — The film "The Gospel Road" will be shown on Wed., Dec. 31 at the Granada Baptist Church, 945 Concannon Blvd., Livermore, at 9 p.m. The public is invited to this admission free show and nursery care will be provided.

The "The Gospel Road," distributed by World Wide Pictures, was conceived and produced by Johnny Cash and his wife, June Carter Cash, whose desire was to tell the story of Jesus Christ in a realistic and meaningful way. The story is old, but the perspective is updated and brought into sharp focus by this dramatic presentation.

### Sunol

**SUNOL** — Little Brown Church of Sunol has its church school and worship at 11 a.m. on Sundays. Bible study is held on the first and third Monday of every month at 7:30 p.m.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services has been set for 11 p.m. The sermon topic will be "A Sense of Famine."



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# The Times

## Editorial and Feature Page

John B. Edmonds, Editor and Publisher

### Tassajara airport is on the line

Question: "Why should talk of an airport in the Tassajara Valley area of Contra Costa County send warning signals throughout the valleys of San Ramon, Amador and Livermore?"

We might just as well ask — "Why does pollution cross the county line?" For the fact of the matter is any major land-use change on the Contra Costa side of that boundary portends all kinds of things for this downwind basin. We are, if geographic truth be known, one valley, one air pocket, and even one community.

We do not suggest that what is happening in San Ramon Valley is bad. Quite the contrary, that is an area of considerable promise, and verve. That's just the trouble. All of the verve seems to be north of that county line.

While there is environmental breast beating on the Alameda County side to "Stop the growth cycle and let us off," there is at the same time a mighty surge of streets and foundations and yes, even new airports, just a few miles north on Interstate 680.

We have pointed out to the VCSD

board of directors that their own misgivings about expanding sewerage treatment capacity to five mgd, or six mgd or even (horror!) eight mgd, all looks a little silly when the Central Sanitary District (serving Walnut Creek-Danville areas) is well along toward expansion of its system to 45 million gallons per day capacity.

And the same "federal environmental controls" which have VCSD quaking are those which allow and even finance Central San's growth cycle, just across the county line.

We will share the same atmosphere, tolerate the same contamination levels, put up with much the same traffic flow along busy Interstate 680. And now we may even find common interest in a project that sends hundreds of small craft spiraling into the air above Tassajara Airport, casting their shadow onto the homes of San Ramon, Pleasanton and Livermore.

"No man is an island," the poet once said. Some day this valley's leadership will learn that we aren't even an oasis.

### A tax on gravel

The campaign by Livermore Councilman Dale Turner to affix a tonnage tax on gravel extracted from one new Stanley Boulevard pit should be expanded to all valley agencies, to apply to every pound of material taken from any of those quarries.

Turner was reacting to the Alameda County Board of Supervisors failure to raise substantially the modest bond imposed on Lone Star and CalRock for that new 15-acre pit west of Isable Avenue. We submit that the county's requirement for a bond and the valley's need for a tonnage tax are two entirely different matters.

Those bonds, of whatever amount, are little more than an insurance policy to guarantee that the extractors will complete the pit pretty much as they are supposed to. It will still leave us with a tremendous cavity — or rather a series of holes scattered across those 3000 acres — with depths up to 120 feet and slopes ranging from sheer vertical to 45 degrees.

### All in the classroom

While most of us have long since accepted "visual aides" as a way of public school life, we can still find empathy for those Pittsburgh parents who refuse to send their children to classes as long as films and television are used as educational tools.

The fear of those Pentecostal Church parishioners is that all such films are little more than "wordly entertainment" ... the first step in training the child on the TV way of life.

As a longtime, one-time TV watcher, we would discount that "entertainment" rap. Television, in 1975 and at least during much of the "prime time" period, has been anything but entertaining. Unless you're into masochism.

It's all very sad. Television and its related fields could be such a tremendous force for enlightening us painlessly, for entertaining us harmlessly; they can even make history more than palatable, as those Channel 9 series have proven.

But American TV has been raped by free enterprise, a sorry sidebar to the all-important commercial message. The sooner we find something better to entertain and occupy our offspring, the better off we will all be.

And if that's what the Pentecostal parents of Pittsburgh are trying to tell the school superintendent, then maybe this is one commercial really worth watching.

invades Los Margaritos in Puerto Vallarta each evening.

I also expect a certain degree of respect for our WASP institutions, the best of which is Christmas. You don't have to be a WASP, a Catholic or even a Christian to enjoy Christmas. The idea of peace on earth, good will to men is good enough and big enough for everyone to share. And if you want to twist it a little, that's all right with me. A sense of humor helps. Like the one which created "Twas The Night Before Chanakah" which follows.

*'Twas the night before Chanukah,  
Boichicks and Maidels,  
not a sound could be heard,  
not even the dreidels  
The Menorah was set  
by the chimney alight,  
in the kitchen,  
the Bubbie was choppin' a bite.  
Salami, pastrami, a glassle tay.  
And Zoyereh pickles with bagels  
-oy vay!*

Gesundt and geshmack  
the kinderlach felt,  
while dreaming of taglach  
and Chanukah Gelt  
The alarm clock was sitting,  
a klappern and ticken,  
and Bubbie was carving  
a shiteke chicken  
A tummel arose  
a thousand Beruches,  
Santa had fallen  
and broken his  
When he got to the door  
and saw the Menorah,  
"Yiddishe Kinder,"  
he said "Kenahora."



### round the town

For those many thousands of you who, each year at this time, call our office to inquire — "What sort of gift can we buy for the delightful fellow who writes that wonderful column in your paper?" — I am constrained to make the following suggestions, with humility.

All columnists are of course great outdoor types. Regrettably, by the time they are senior enough to lay claim to a "column" of space as their own, they are also of an age and girth that are no longer inclined to football, tennis or surfing. Golf therefore becomes our thing, as it must for all men of gentle persuasion. A golf stick is always an acceptable gift.

Preferably a club that sends the ball neither to the right or to the left, but rather straight down the middle ... an influence that might hopefully spread from the fairways to the typewriter.

Some journalists have special problems ... like a big toe that persists in punching through the end of the sock. Now advertised are "Socks with reinforced gold toe." A most sensible gift, it would seem, and one that is also recommended for city managers who are in need of a firm foot for booting out excess personnel.

All newspaper people are heavy imbibers, as you know, but again, there comes a time when tea is more pleasing, and less punishing, than other potions. Getting the brew that's not too weak, not too strong, is the challenge. This is the same consistency recommended if you are looking for a new mayor.

In our earlier days of press, an eraser was always thought to be an essential item for every journalist. Alas, this age of computerized news matter no longer permits us the luxury of erasing our errata. The offending word or letter must be stricken out with a series of forceful codes powerful enough to bring Apollo back to earth ... but too often insufficient to correct that writer's mistake.

I would suggest, therefore, that a gift which provides the writer with a sort of pre-emptive forgiveness would be nice ... these could be provided in series of gummed labels, so many for each month, and that the writer could apply to the head of each column or story. If he or she uses up that supply before the end of the month, then he or she simply has to cease writing. This has all kinds of possibilities.

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—by AL FISCHER

### Hindsight/Foresight

### Smokers on campus

Where there's smoke there's... a teenager puffing on a cigarette.

Well, not quite.

Early returns show that a majority of high school districts, at least in Southern Alameda County, are going to allow smoking in designated areas on campus.

Hayward is going the "designated" route and so is Newark. It turns out the latter has condoned smoking adjacent to the campus for quite some time.

Two other districts, Milpitas and Anderson Valley (near Chico), are in the smoking column. In fact, according to the latter's superintendent, a smoking area has been in operation for five years. The district obtained special permission from the county district attorney to establish the area in 1970.

"Students are allowed to smoke only under a roofed, open-air area. It's not visible from classrooms or main corridors, and certainly doesn't encourage smoking by appearing glamorous," adds superintendent Ronald Snowden.

Trustees of the Amador Valley Joint High School District opted for the status quo (retaining a prohibition of smoking at Amador, Dublin and Foothill) on a 3-2 vote last week.

Sen. Arlen Gregorio, D-San Mateo, is the legislator who brought this long-standing problem to the surface via his SB 171 — which goes into effect Jan. 1, 1976.

In writing this permissive legislation, Gregorio contended smoking in public high schools is not the same as condoning the practice.

I know some trustees that will give him an argument on that score.

A contention that the bill is aimed at isolating or singling out the smokers does not hold.

As long as there are city streets, residential or commercial areas nearby, teens will drift into those areas to smoke, eat or just gab.

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If you can afford it, a thesaurus might also be sent to each of that reporter's readers, so that they would all know what he or she is writing about.

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There are other gifts which might not be as readily apparent. Take the carpenter's level, for instance. Every reporter needs one, particularly every columnist, for "keeping your head on straight" — an admonition often supplied by readers, but rarely followed. Take my word for it.

I am still grateful to that reader of long ago who provided this then-young reporter with a very large clothes pin. "To help you keep your trap shut," the attached note said. Unfortunately, the spring on that pin has been weakened from years of use, and I still find a tendency for my mouth to flap open, when it might otherwise best remain closed.

What's that? You say the note asking gift suggestions for "that delightful columnist" was really addressed to Walter Hecox! In that case I recommend you ignore all of the foregoing. Walt Hecox certainly never strays left or right ... and he never, never uses one more word than is absolutely essential.

For Mr. Hecox I would suggest a very large spoon. To better eat all those Post Toasties, of course. And God willing, before 1976 is o'er, we might all be using a new exclamatory phrase ... like maybe "You bet your 40 percent Bran Flakes with raisins!" In newspapering, anything is possible.

— by john edmonds

### Lighter Times

On behalf of the many volunteers who gave so tirelessly of their time and talent, I want to express my appreciation to you and your staff for your assistance in putting our campaign over the top.

As our Children's Hospital moves ahead with its program of quality medical care for all children, we shall certainly keep you informed of our endeavors. It is our earnest hope that you will continue to give us the valuable support of your news columns.

Arthur C. Oppenheimer, II  
General Chairman  
Intensive Care Center Campaign

*"I thought I was in a strange noise,"  
As long as I'm here,  
I'll leave a few toys."  
"Come into the kitchen.  
I'll get you a dish,  
A gupele, a leffel, a shiteke fish,"  
With smacks of delight,  
he started his fressen,  
chopped liver and Knadlach  
and kreplach gegessen.  
Along with his meals,  
he had a few schnapses,  
when it came to eating,  
this boy was tops.  
He asked for some knishes  
with pepper and salt,  
But they were so hot he yelled  
"Oy gevalt!"*

*He buttoned his hoyzen  
and ran from the fish,  
"Your Kshereh meals  
are simply delish."  
As he went through the door,  
he said, "See you later,  
I'll be back next Pesach  
in time for the Seder."  
More rapid than eagles  
his prancers they came,  
as he whistled and shouted  
and called them by name!  
"Now Izzie" now Morris!  
Now Louis! and Sammy!  
On Irving! and Maxie!  
He gave a geshrey  
as he drove out of sight,  
"A good yontif to all  
and to all a goodnight."*

With the big election year of 1976 approaching, I have decided to publish the McNicoll Voters Guide to Periodical Political Rhetoric as a public service so voters can interpret what politicians really mean in their speeches. Selections follow.

"I think that a full investigation of welfare fraud (warm beer, bingo games, bait and switch advertising techniques, etc.) is warranted" means "I am about to run for attorney general if I can get enough news coverage."

"This is one of the most cynical statements I have ever heard from a politician." This is always said of one's opponent and means "I wish I'd thought of that first, but since I didn't, I'd better disagree or I won't get my name in the papers."

"While I won't stoop so low as character assassination" means "I'm saving the real bombshell about my opponent until the day before the election... so it will be fresh in the voters' minds."

"I won't accept any cam-

aign contribution over \$10 from any one individual"

means "I won't accept any contribution over \$10 from any one individual, but from large corporations you have to consider how many individuals they have employed. Let's see, there must be at least 5,000 at IBM, times \$10 each, gives me, uh..."

"I have listened long to the voice of the people" means "I thought no one would ever call me and ask me to run, but a boy's mom never lets him down."

With the Bi-Centennial coming up, I am reminded that Ben Franklin, that man of many talents, was reputed to be capable of really putting away the booze. In fact, he was the original powdered Whig.

With another birthday approaching, it just occurred to me that by the time you have all the answers, the questions aren't worth answering anymore.

— by Ron McNicoll



### Sound and Fury

Walt Hecox

Back in the days of yore when knickerbockers were a fading fashion and long trousers were becoming the in thing for little boys, the kids at the Cupertino Union School were told that "when in Rome, do as the Romans do."

Things are different these days. The Romans had better measure up to the minorities. Throw away their short swords and learn to use the Thracian knife or the Phoenician net and trident.

The minorities are in command and the customs and heritage of the majorities are being trampled under their feet.

Which doesn't make a hell of a lot of sense to a laddie who grew up believing that when in Rome he should do as the Romans do.

Believe me I am one confused Roman. Somehow I manage to struggle through the maze of cultural traps and pitfalls laid by the various minorities and maintain my solid conviction that being born a WASP is the best thing that can happen to a man. With all of that I manage a certain degree of respect for the best of the various minorities finer institutions such as the spare ribs at Helens, a now extinct restaurant operated by a black lady in the Fillmore district in San Francisco, the music they once played at Jacks on Sutter Street and the marvelous mariachi band which

# Television Listings

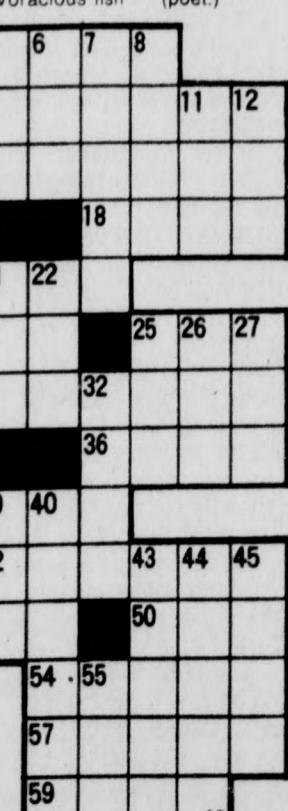
Fri., Dec. 19

- 8:00 A.M.**  
5-10—Capt. Kangaroo  
7-13—A.M. America  
9—Yoga with Lilius  
40—Speed Racer
- 8:30 A.M.**  
2—Romper Room  
9—Mister Rogers  
40—Dennis the Menace
- 9:00 A.M.**  
2—Big Valley  
3-4—Celebrity Sweepstakes  
5-Karen's Comedy  
7-A. M. San Francisco  
9—Sesame Street  
10—At Nine on Ten  
13—Morning Scene  
40—Jack LaLanne
- 9:30 A.M.**  
3-4—Wheel of Fortune  
5-10—Price Is Right  
40—Love Lucy
- 10:00 A.M.**  
2—Movies:  
Mon: "Piccadilly Third Stop" — 1960  
Tues: "The Snorkel" — 1958  
Wed: "A Dragon" — 1967  
Thurs: "The Young One" — 1960  
Fri: "A Certain Smile" — 1958  
3-4—High Rollers  
5-10—Gambit  
9—Electric Company  
13—Truth or Consequences  
40—Movies:  
Mon: "Town Without Pity" — 1956  
Tues: "Harlow" — 1965  
Wed: "An Ideal Husband" — 1948  
Thurs: "The Reformer and the Redhead" — 1950  
Fri: "Quare Fellow" — 1962
- 10:30 A.M.**  
3-4—Hollywood Squares  
5-10—Love of Life  
13—Happy Days  
40—Not For Women Only
- 11:00 A.M.**  
3—Magnificent Marble Machine  
4—Sousset  
5-10—Young and the Restless  
7-13—Swallows  
36—Left, Right and Center  
44—News Talk
- 11:30 A.M.**  
3-4—3 For the Money  
5-10—Search for Tomorrow  
7-13—Rhyme and Reason  
36—Yoga  
44—New Zoo Revue
- NOON**  
2—Courtship of Eddie's Father  
3-4 5-10—News  
7-13—You Don't Say  
9—Woman  
36—Movies:  
Mon: "Swords of Damascus" — 1962  
Tues: "Target for a Killing" — 1966  
Wed: "Terror in the Crypt" — 1960  
Thurs: "Treasure of the Aztecs" — 1965  
Fri: "Valley of the Doomed" — 1962  
40—Dick Van Dyke  
44—Leave It to Beaver
- 12:30 P.M.**  
2—That Girl  
3-4—Days of Our Lives  
5-10—As the World Turns  
7-13—All My Children  
9—Yoga  
40—Andy Griffith  
44—Movies:  
Mon: "The Reformer and the Redhead" — 1950  
Tues: "Small Town Girl" — 1953  
Wed: "Apartment for Peggy" — 1948  
Thurs: "Cry Danger" — 1951  
Fri: "Private Hell" — 1954
- 1:00 P.M.**  
2—Movies:  
Mon: "The Story of Esther Costello" — 1957  
Tues: "9th Parallel" — 1942  
Wed: "Girl on Approval" — 1962  
Thurs: "Song Without End" — 1960  
Fri: "Song Without End" — 1960  
5-10—Guiding Light  
7-13—Ryan's Hope  
40—Movies

## CROSSWORD

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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1 Russian river	49 Before																																																										
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9 Agave fiber	51 Metrical foot (var.)																																																										
10 Russian empress	54 Onetime Russian nobleman																																																										
13 Armies	56 17th-century Cossack leader																																																										
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23 Western state	4 French region																																																										
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33 Russian vessel	9 Counterfeit																																																										
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## WIN AT BRIDGE

### Expert plays for a break

NORTH		19	
♦ K 6			
♥ J 9 6 4 2			
♦ K 8 3			
♣ A 7 5			
WEST (D)			
▲ Q 9 7 2	▲ 8 5 4 3		
♥ K 10	♥ Q		
♦ J 6	♦ Q 10 5 4		
♣ Q 10 3 2	♣ J 9 6 4		
EAST			
26 Small bed	47 Literary collection		
27 Night before	48 Demolish		
28 Devoted	49 Greek letter		
30 Wine cup	52 Finial		
32 Constellation	ornament		
34 Strive	53 Watering place		
35 Friend (Fr.)	55 Open (poet.)		
39 Voracious fish			
SOUTH (D)			
▲ A 10			
■ A 8 7 5 3			
♦ A 9 7 2			
♣ K 8			
East-West vulnerable			
West	North	East	South
Pass	3 ♠	Pass	5 ♦
Pass	6 ♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			
Opening lead — Q ♣			

By Oswald &amp; James Jacoby

North and South were experts playing together for the first time. North thought they were playing jump raises as invitational-not forcing. South thought they were playing them as forcing. That, plus a little mutual optimism got them to six hearts.

South looked at the dummy with distaste. There was at least one trump loser, plus an apparent diamond loser. He couldn't do anything about the

trump loser; perhaps he could take care of the diamonds.

He hummed, "With a little bit of luck", and proceeded to make the contract.

He started by playing the ace of hearts. Both opponents followed and there was only one heart loser. Then he cashed the second high spade; played king of clubs; ace of clubs; small club to be ruffed. Next came the ace and king of diamonds followed by a small trump.

West won and had to lead a black card. South promptly discarded dummy's losing diamond, ruffed in his own hand and claimed the slam.

A Texas reader wants to know what opening bid we would make when holding:

▲ 9 6 5 2 ♦ J ♦ A Q 8 6 ♠ A K 5

We open just what the books recommend—one spade. This bid has been part of standard bidding since contract was invented. It is not perfect, but little is.

(Do you have a question for the Jacobys? Write "Ask the Jacobys" care of this newspaper. The most interesting questions will be used in this column and writers will receive copies of JACOBY MODERN.)

"Remember when we used to worry because she didn't bring her friends home?"

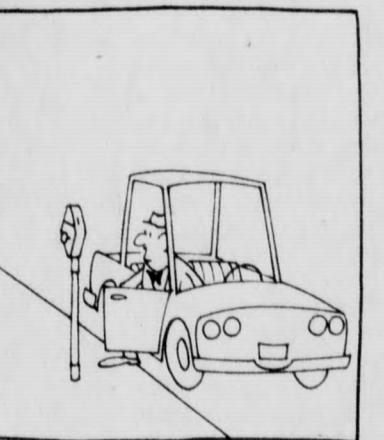
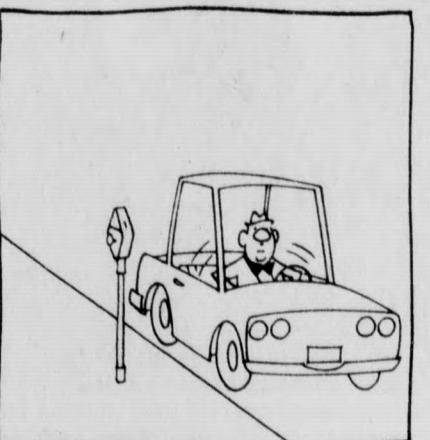
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THE BORN LOSER



MOOSE MILLER



CAMPUS CLATTER



PRISCILLA'S POP



SHORT RIBS

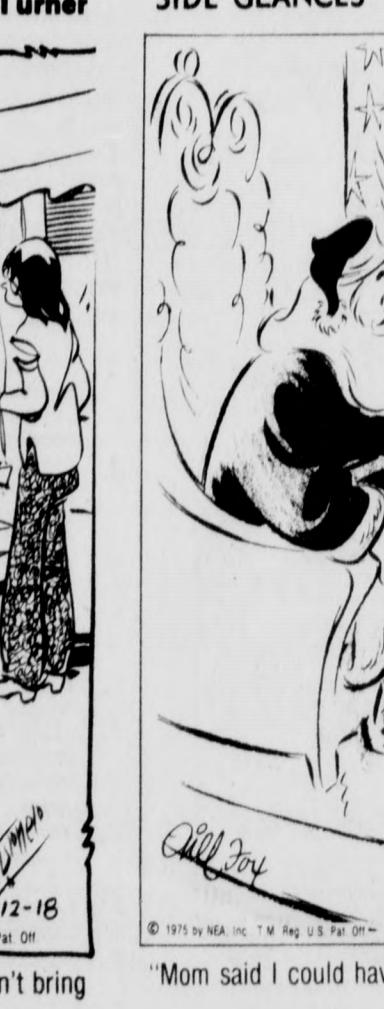


FRANK AND ERNEST



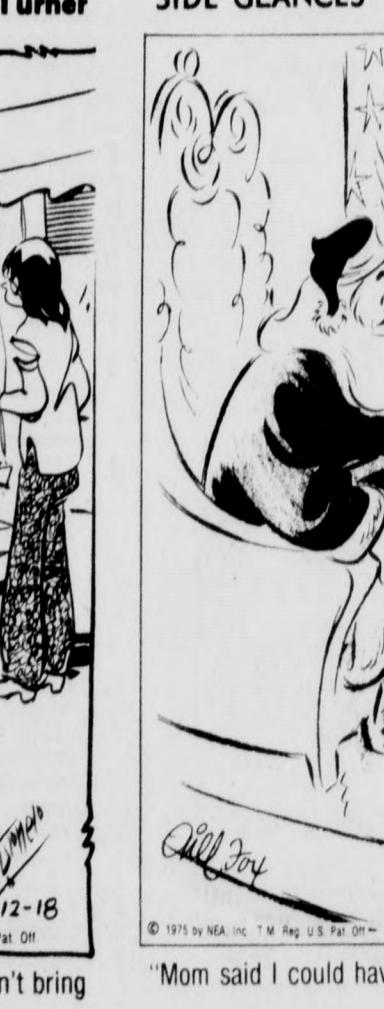
CARNIVAL

by Dick Turner



SIDE GLANCES

by Gill Fox



## Stark predicts failure for library move bill

Rep. Fortney H. (Pete) Stark has stated that the move by Congress to take over the new Library of Congress building in the nation's capital has little chance of being approved by that body.

Stark, whose 9th District includes this valley, was a leader in that campaign to have the brand new Madison Memorial Building — designed as a much-needed addition to the Library of Congress — revamped instead to provide office space for members of Congress and their staffs.

Stake says his bid for the Madison Building was motivated by the "deplorable" working space now afforded those representatives. Stark says his own working space "averages about 44 square feet" per person, while "industrial standards suggest a minimum of 150 square feet" per person.

(Stark does not note that recent Congressional action allowing representatives to expand their staffs has prompted much of the overcrowded conditions in those legislative halls.)

Writing in a column he prepares for use by the newspaper media, Stark acknowledges "the furor that has been whipped up in opposition" to his proposal will likely lead to its defeat, when the bill he authored is voted on by the Congress this week.

That defeat "wouldn't disturb me in the slightest," the Danville Democrat writes. "It was an idea that I thought worth considering, but I never intended to crusade on the issue."

### Sixteen parcels recommended for preserve status

Sixteen parcels of land totaling nearly 6,500 acres of land have been recommended for placement in agricultural preserves by the Contra Costa County Planning Commission.

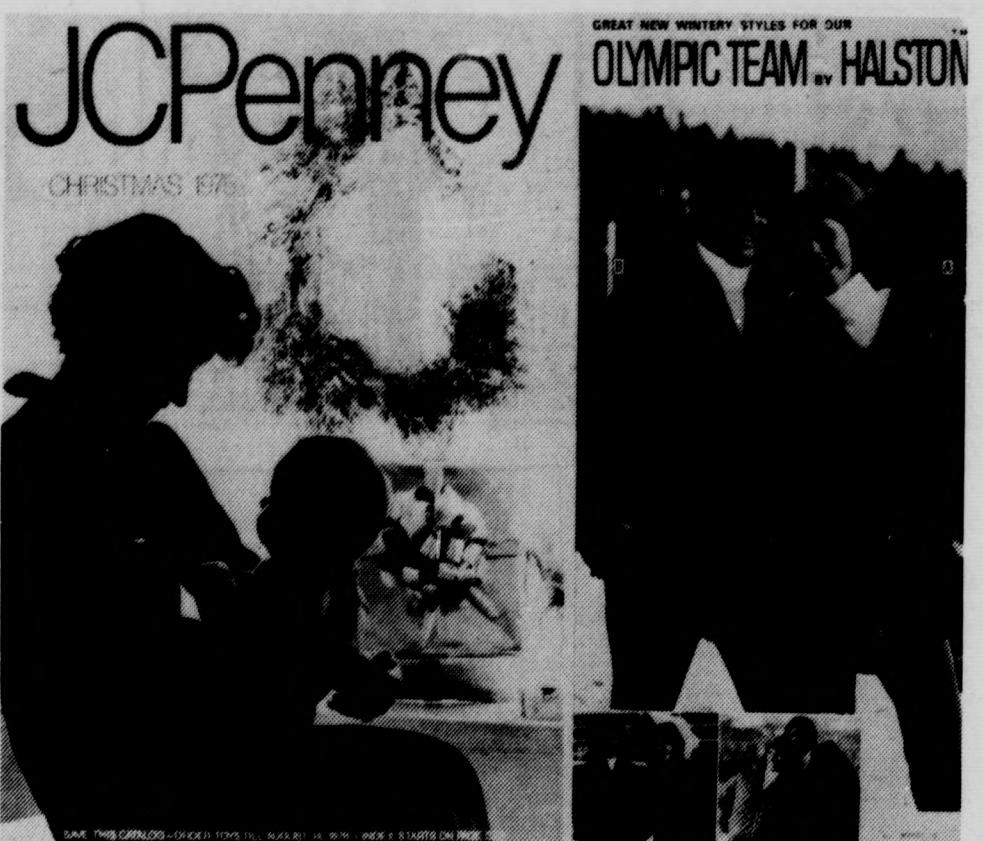
Ranging in size from 30 acres to 1,200 acres, the applications now go to the board of supervisors for approval.

Applications for 2,463 acres of agricultural preserve land in the San Ramon Valley include:

David Humphrey, 103 acres in Danville; Robert Nielsen, 30 acres in San Ramon; and Widemann, Widemann and Kaplan, 1,200 acres in San Ramon.

Applications in the Tassajara Valley include Earl Wiley, 40 acres; Coleman Foley, 1,050 acres; and William Sherwood, 40 acres.

One consequence of the New York City situation, which some urbanologists



BIG THREE in catalogs provide easy fashion buying for people in all walks of life. Successful merchandising via catalogues such as a J.C. Penney & Co., (left) or a Montgomery Ward with its Halston official Olympic winter sports designs spawned at least 4,500 "wish books" of varying sizes.

## N.Y. finance patch could cause trouble

NEW YORK (AP) — As the year ends New York City's finances are patched together, but the technique used in doing so has left a lot of loose threads that could produce snags in the future.

So great was the sigh of relief that arose when bankruptcy was averted that it drowned out the cries of those who, without exaggeration, were horrified at the methods used, and the possible consequences that could result.

Investors cannot ignore the fact of a moratorium on repayment of the bonds they purchased. The contract terms of some bondholders were changed, and they could do little about it. Their bonds won't be redeemed on time.

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consequence of the New York financial crisis, but interest rates in general are higher.

Money is available. Municipalities everywhere outside New York have been in the market during recent weeks and the vast majority of those with sound ratings had little trouble selling their bonds.

These, however, are unusual days. The stock market despite its occasional volatility, offers only mild competition at the moment.

Fixed-income investments, in contrast, offer relatively high returns.

However, what happens when the stock market does begin to offer brighter prospects for investors? Will those people and institutions who are now content to buy bonds be tempted into the equity markets? Quite likely.

Competition for funds also is likely to become more intense when industry begins gearing up for expansion. At the moment, businesses are seeking relatively meager amounts of capital because of an existing overcapacity.

Sometime before 1980, however, that idle capacity is likely to be put to work by an expanding economy. Companies will have to re-equip and enlarge their facilities, and so will be seeking greater amounts of funds.

It is future market conditions such as these that the weak underpinning of the municipal bond market may become evident. Measuring the ratio of risk to reward, some investors are likely to be steered away from municipalities.

Consideration is given to areas where there are longer summers or excruciatingly cold winters. When relevant the inappropriate pages are eliminated in editions going to these areas. But, in general,

Thomas Prytherch, catalog group market manager, and Cindy Courreas, fashion coordinator, miss dresses from Sears concurred. "There used to be fashion trends by geography more than there are now. Percentages vary a little bit. In the Southwest or in California, the brighter colors sell to a greater degree. But, if an item is a good item, it sells everywhere."

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## CATALOGS Something for everybody

NEW YORK — (NEA) — North, East, South, West ... Rural, Suburban, Metropolitan. Wherever. Women are more aware of fashion now than ever before.

There was a time when catalogs set trends but now communications are such that fashion information is available immediately and almost everyone is knowledgeable about current styles.

Paris no longer sets the pace although the new collections still stir up attention. And New York no longer is the only market. The big three catalogs — Sears Roebuck and Co., J.C. Penney Co., and Montgomery Ward & Co. — have buying offices at key locations throughout the country to take the pulse of what's happening.

"Everybody now has access to the same things at the same moment. Some are reluctant to pick them up, yet fashion is instantaneous and simultaneous," Virginia Sorem, catalog fashion coordinator of Penney's claimed.

She continued, "What women do with their lives is the real index to the wardrobes they need and the real barometer of fashion. Fashion is not dictated by authorities or names or peers anymore but by needs, living patterns, individuality and personal preference."

Even though catalogs can start a trend because of volume buying, those in the business agree that the pages are conceived to provide something for everybody. Since they are no longer the only liaison with style for people living in outlying, rural areas, catalogs just show the best merchandise with the most universal appeal.

Miss Sorem admitted, "Recently there has been a new designer link coming into the mass market. Our recent thought is to concentrate on American designers, using another label for their Penney collections."

Cindy Courreas, "We are involved with a group now whose names we will not mention but the merchandise is going to be part of a collection that is color-keyed to a mix-and-match idea. A dress with a shirt underneath where the shirt can be worn with a skirt and a coat goes over the whole collection."

Miss Perna said that for 12 years they had featured designers but stopped three years ago. Until the Olympic committee appointed Halston in conjunction with Montgomery Ward as the official outfitters, the company worked with designers, utilizing their talents but not capitalizing on their names.

"The designer name doesn't give sales. It is the company or store that counts."

After choosing a design, the

catalog buyer must shop the fabric market, interpret the fabric into the garment and get involved with the entire creative process. And, all the time he must consider costs.

Prices in catalogs are competitive. Every square inch counts and any errors in judgment haunt the company for approximately six months. On the other hand, if a retail buyer makes a similar mistake, he can mark it down and get it out of stock. So, the catalog buyer has more of a challenge and becomes very discerning.

Prytherch added, "Retailing is basically an inefficient distribution system. But we work with the manufacturers. They take less risk in that we work earlier, commit earlier and buy under contract. The industry has big peaks and valleys and we take advantage of going in with orders and producing merchandise when the factories are not busy."

He continued, "One of the advantages that we have in merchandising is that we not only pick the merchandise, but we advertise it, display it and sell it to the customer. And, if we're right the customer reacts to it. In retail, the sweaters are here, the pants there and the shirts, shoes, hats are elsewhere. We take all the items, put them on the mannequin and say to the customer, that's how you wear them. If you put an outfit together well, there will be more customers buying those items than will buy just a shoe."

Considering the competitive pricing, the universality of the catalogs and the early preparations, it is astonishing that the catalog buyers and coordinators can foretell the trends.

Miss Sorem pointed to the Fall-Winter catalog of Penney. "The unisex look is gone. Earthiness has given way to cleanliness, a natural freshness with better grooming."

This year, all three catalogs accurately predicted the seasons' styles and successfully presented the results. All you have to do for convenient, competitively priced, available and reliable shopping is to let your fingers do the walking — this time through the catalogs.

### LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PLEASANTON COUNTY OF ALAMEDA STATE OF CALIFORNIA

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Pleasanton has set JANUARY 12, 1976, at the hour of 8:00 P.M. o'clock in the Pleasanton Justice Court, 30 West Angela Street, Pleasanton, California, as the time and place to consider the following matter:

Application of Morrison Homes for an amendment to the Pleasanton General Plan from High Density Residential to Retail Business and Offices for that approximately two-thirds of an acre portion of land located on the northeast corner of Hopyard Road and Valley Avenue, containing a vacant lot and the First National Bank of Pleasanton drive-in facility.

NOW, THEREFORE, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above hearing shall be held and all persons concerned shall be heard by the City Council as stated above.

DATED: December 12, 1975

/s/ William H. Edgar, City Clerk

City of Pleasanton

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Application of Spivak Properties to rezone from the (A Agricultural) District to the (C-Central Commercial) District on a portion of land located at approximately 5.2 acre parcel of land located immediately east of Hopyard Road and northeast of the First National Bank of Pleasanton drive-in facility; the western approximately two-thirds of the property would be designated a C-C District, and the eastern one-third would become a P District.

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Application of Ted Myers for a general plan amendment to change the land use designation of approximately 2.2 acres located between the Valley Plaza commercial complex and the El Rancho Motel on the west side of Santa Rita Road from Medium Density Residential to Retail Business and Offices.

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## Ann Landers Pity for wives

Dear Ann Landers: I was infuriated by the letter signed "The Other Woman" who was sick at heart because the man she had been sneaking around with for 11 years was dying of cancer.

She bemoaned the fact that even though she was "first in his life" she would have to sit in the back of the church at the funeral while his wife sat in front, getting all the sympathy due a perfect wife.

As an R.N. who has seen more than one wife at the bedside of a delirious (or dying) husband and listened to him call The Other Woman's name in his delirium, I can tell you it is a heartbreaking thing to watch — especially if children are present, and they often are.

Most wives know about The Other Woman and do their best to hold their heads up while keeping one eye and one ear shut.

To bad someone can't put a gag in the mouth of a cheating husband or tie his tongue up so his last days aren't hell on his long-suffering wife. — On The Other Side

Dear O.S.: Nobody can say this column doesn't give equal time to both sides. Thank you for writing.

Dear Ann Landers: I've been reading your column for at least 15 years. As a former English teacher, I would give you no better than a C for grammar.

I can't figure out if your strange and often unconventional use of the language is a result of the area where you grew up (Iowa, ugh) or were you poorly educated?

In the last month you used the word "ain't" twice. I realize "ain't" is in the dictionary but it's considered improper usage by respected authorities. Will you respond to this print, please? — Observer In Waltham, Mass.

Dear Wally: A lot of those respected authorities who wouldn't dream of saying "ain't" — ain't eatin', as Will Rogers said.

As for "Iowa — ugh," did

you know that Iowa has a 99 per cent literacy rate? The 50 states? I accept your apologies.

Dear Ann Landers: Please print this letter and help a lot of people.

You are my father. You work like a dog and bring home a paycheck picked to poverty by taxes. You can't buy my mother what she deserves.

Every day means another line of worry on your face. My heart aches whenever you light a cigarette. I would gladly trade my lungs for yours if you would stop. You hardly smile. Your eyes are always sad. You never tell me what bothers you.

You are my mother. You don't have the nice things other wives have. Our home is immaculate. You've worked like a slave for as long as I can remember. Your parents never gave you anything but aggravation.

You never go anywhere, waiting for your husband to come home. He's always too tired for anything but falling asleep on the couch I know how lonely you must be.

You think I only care about my friends, but you're wrong. They don't make me cry at night. Every time you and dad fight I die a little inside. I love you both. I only wish I could help. — Your Child

Dear Child: I wish I could help, too, but neither of us can. It's up to your parents to seek help. All we can do is hope they will — and soon.

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SAT. DEC. 20TH 9:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.  
BEATERAMA!  
MON. DEC. 22 1:00 P.M.  
3 BEATLE FEATURES  
FREE COKE — FREE POPCORN  
\*ALL SEATS 1.00

Ripley's Believe It or Not!  
BEAM SERVING THE UNITED TASTES OF AMERICA FOR 180 HOLIDAY SEASONS.



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**FOUND:** Adult male, gray & white Angora type cat. Vic. of Crestline Rd., Pleas. 462-4594.

**FOUND:** Maltese/Terrier, Dublin area, owner tele. 781-1760 ext. 2236 or 846-1377.

**FOUND:** Small dog, vic. Country Club School. Call & identify. 828-0298.

**LOST:** Large fem., gray cat, orange & white markings. Vic. Lucky Store, S. R. \$25 reward. 462-3285 bef. 2 p.m.; 797-1111 aft. 3 p.m.

**LOST:** Male Irish Setter, 4 mo. old. Vic. Briarhill, Dub. 828-3083.

**LOST:** Orange boy's 10 speed Ward's racing handlebars. Vic. Pleasanton Valley 846-6234.

**LOST:** 11/25, male cat, white, neutered, 2½ yrs. Stoneridge area, family pet. Reward. 462-3208.

**LOST:** 12/10, Ten yr. old dog resembles min. German Shep. female, no collar, vic. Granada High. 443-3179.

**8. Entertainment**

**BELLY DANCER** will definitely live your party. Authentic Mid-East dance in beautiful costume w/ Mid-East music. Reserve now. **NIRVANA** 443-6552.

**SANTA COMES TO YOUR HOUSE!!** Reasonable rates. Call 846-5275.

**9. Services Offered**

**GENERAL CARPENTRY**, remod. el. repairs, patios, no job too small. Sam. aft. 5. 828-1826.

**27. Nursery Schools**

**LIC. CHILD CARE MY HOME**, 2-6 yr. olds, full time or part. Del Prado area. 846-7937.

**LIC. LOVING BABYSITTER** will take care of your children while you work. 1 child, \$20 wk., hot lunches. You can reach me at 1110 Hillcrest Ct., Liv.

**EMPLOYMENT****32. Help Wanted**

**ADVERTISING COURIER** THE VALLEY/PLEASANTON TIMES is now accepting applications for the position of Advertising Courier.

The position is part-time (mornings only) and requires the use of a car, (preferably compact). Applications must be 18 years of age or older, have a valid California drivers license and carry valid Calif. Auto Insurance.

Please apply in person at THE VALLEY/PLEASANTON office, 126 Spring St., Pleasanton, between the hours of 8:30 to 12 and 1:00 to 4:00.

**ARROYO AGENCY LOCAL JOBS FOR LOCAL PEOPLE**

61 South Liv. Ave., Liv. 447-3959

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**NEED**

- HOLIDAY MONEY?** Part-time evening openings, for those now employed. Eves., 6:30 to 10:00 p.m., plus Sat., 10:00-2:00 a.m. If desired, \$280 per month. Some permanent part-time positions available. Profit sharing also available. For interview, call 442-8113.

**SECURITY OFFICERS**

- Immediate part-time positions available in Valley area. Must be 21 or older. Retirees welcome. Clear police & driving record. Call 455-1666.

**WAITRESS WANTED**

- From 4 to 12 p.m. & Barmaid, same hrs. Apply in person at Liberty Hotel, 200 East 3rd. St., Pittsburgh.

**FIX-ALL**

- Plumbing, elect., cryp., heating, repair & install appli., etc. 828-4334.

**LIC. GRAD. OF MASSAGE INST.**

- Lic. offers gentle relaxing massage for women by appt. by referral only. 443-8659.

**MYFIELD'S STEAM CLEANING**

- Up to 30% off. \$30. Soil retardant avail. Insured. Licensed. Guaranteed. 443-5604.

**SEE OUR BUSINESS & SERVICE GUIDE**

- We have specialists to service your every need.

**11. Building Services**

- CABINETS & DECORATING Specialize in all small remodeling. Bus. 829-4588 or 846-9430.

**13. Garden Service**

- ECONOMICAL cleanups, hauling, trimming, weeding, & maintenance. 443-5627.

**INSTRUCTION**

24. Instruction GUITAR LESSONS, \$2.50 1/2 hr. at your home, beg. & inter. Exper. Call Pete. 846-0725.

**PIANO INSTRUCTION**

- Classical & Jazz 25 yrs. professional exper. Call 829-3178

**VALLEY/PLEASANTON TIMES CLASSIFIED AD**

**JUST PHONE  
462-4160**



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**3 lines for 5 days ONLY \$4**

**48-ARTICLES FOR SALE**

**Sell your wagons, bicycles, toys, etc. for extra Christmas money.**

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**PHONE ..... BILL ME □ PAYMENT ENCLOSED □**

**Rental Guide**

**APARTMENTS**

**DUPLEXES-TOWNHOUSES**

**HOMES-HOMES-HOMES**

**DUPLICES-TOWNHOUSES**

**DUPLEX or townhouse to rent? Only \$6 for 2 double lines for 1 week.**

**HOMES-HOMES-HOMES**

**LIV. - Clean 2 bdrm., new cpt., close in, \$225 mo. 447-6666, as for Gary.**

**LIV. - Sharp 4 bdrm., 2 bath, AEK, cpts., drps., air conditioning, firc., \$325 per mo. Call 447-7800.**

**LIV. - 3 bdrm., 2 bath, air cond., dishwasher, \$325 per mo. Agent, 829-4702.**

**PLEAS. - 3 bdrm., 2 bath, AEK, cpts., drps., air conditioning, firc., \$320 per mo. Call 846-4234.**

**PLEAS. - Condo avail. immed. Beautiful upgraded 2 bdrm., lovely patio, garden, inside laundry, \$245 mo. HARRIS RTY, 846-5900.**

**PLEAS. - Avail. immed., custom 3 bdrm., 2034 sq. ft., 3 car garage, cent. air, washer, dryer & refrig., \$435 per mo. HARRIS RTY, 846-5900.**

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## PLEASANTON

**GET STARTED.** Comfortable 2 bdrm condo. Flexible financing available. \$29,000.

**★ TRI-VALLEY ★**  
REALTOR 462-2770  
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## PLEASANTON

**BIG HOUSE**  
everything is here. Large 4 bed room, 2½ bath with many extras. Sunken family room, fireplace, 2 patios, mom's dream kitchen, formal dining room, and that's not all, at \$58,500.



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Pleasanton  
462-4200

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## PLEASANTON

**A SPANISH KING**  
could live here. Marvelous Moorish landscaping including a massive 12'x20' Pool, courtyard entry highlighted by Redwood Decks. Gorgeous inside too with a Kings Ransom of Carpets and drapes. Three adequate bedrooms, and 2 baths. A MUST SEE. Just listed \$52,950. HURRY, CALL NOW!

**UNITED CALIF. BROKERS**  
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**NO DOWN G.I.**  
in Val Vista with 3 bdrrms., 2 baths, step - down family room with fireplace. Wall to wall carpets, covered patio, side access, lots of wallpaper decor. QUICK POSSESSION! \$47,000.

**PRESTIGE HOMES**  
829-4900  
7000 Village Pkwy., Dublin

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**OWNER ANXIOUS.** Custom decorated 4 bdrrm., 2 bath on court. Fantastic yard incl. 20x40 pool, \$35,500. Agent, 846-8627.

**SAN RAMON**

**GREAT INCOME**  
Cottage in rear helps make payments on this spacious 2 bdrrm. rancher. Family rm., large "farm style" AEK, located in good neighborhood. \$34,500.

**EXQUISITE TRI-LEVEL**

4 bedroom, 3 bath, in one of San Ramon's most popular areas.

Separate spacious family room, L-shaped triple car garage, brand new paint on exterior, immed. occupancy. \$70,500.

**GILBERT REALTY**  
1410 N. Main, W.C.

**DON'T WRITE SANTA**

just call me for this lovely 4 bedroom, 2 bath ranch style home, 1840 sq. ft. of spacious living, family room with fireplace and more. Super 18x30 pool with heater, filter & sweep. Yard almost big enough for horses? Side area, \$59,950.

**GALLERY OF HOMES**

**Heritage Realtors**  
828-6060

**UNIQUE**  
floor plan on this 3 bedroom, 3 bath ranch. Massive stone fireplace, formal dining, inside laundry, cent. air, quiet court. \$62,500 and looking for offers. Choice area of San Ramon.

**allied brokers REALTORS**

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Dublin - 829-1212

94. Lots & Acreage

**ELEVEN LUSH ACRES**  
situated 20 miles up Mines Road. These 11+ acres have a private road and are most suitable for recreation or other uses. 10% down, owner will finance.

**UNITED**

Buying, selling and letting  
List with UNITED and sell!  
BRENT S. LEISHMAN  
6088 Sunol Blvd., Pleas.  
462-3920

3.5 ACRES

on Palomares Rd. Treed section with a lovely view. Excellent building site for only \$15,000.

**PLEASANTON**

100x160' lot off Vineyard Ave. City water. Owner will carry at 8% for 15 years.

**CITY CONVENiences**

3 bdrrm., 1 ½ bath home, central

air, new paint & wallpaper, built-in appliances, wall to wall carpet, quiet neighborhood.

\$39,500.

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## 98. Real Estate Wanted

**INVESTOR CLIENT**, needs 3 or 4 bdrrm. home. Will pay fast. Marshall Perry, Inc. 462-4535.

**100. Auto Information & Announcements**

**CASH FOR CARS**  
**Highest Prices**  
**AUTO BUYERS**

1453 First St., Livermore

**104. Motorcycles**

**LOW COST MOTORCYCLE INSURANCE AVAILABLE**, S.C.J. Motorcycle Insurance, 347 St. Marys St. Pleas. 462-3811.

**MOTORBIKE CB400F**, best offer. Call 447-7412.

**106. Campers, Recreational Vehicles**

**TRAILERS-CAMPERS CAMPER SHELLS**

Parts & Accessories LIVERMORE RV CENTER 889 Portola Ave., 443-6393

**106a. Campers, Rec. Vehicles for Rent**

**FOR RENT:** 24 ft., 1975 Pace Arrow Motor home, sleeps 8. Call 447-4426.

**108. Trucks, New-Used**

**CHEV '73 ¾ TON PICKUP**

**3% DOWN**

**YOUR PRICE \$3995**

V-8, automatic trans., factory power steering, radio, heater. \$11,950 or best offer. Call 443-8700 or 846-5532.

**CHEV '73 PU**

**3/4 Ton 4-Wheel Drive**

**3% DOWN**

**YOUR PRICE \$3995**

V-8, automatic trans., power steering, factory air cond. (27860P). Need reliable party to make small monthly payments. No back payments due, no contracts to assume, O.A.C. Many others to choose from. Call Credit Mgr. Dir. 932-3072.

**CHEV. CHEYENNE '74 STEP-SIDE**

3 speed, power steering, new mags, fat tires, radio, heater, Super Sharp, lo miles, (49431R), dlr. pay transfer fee only on approved credit. Need reliable party to make realistic monthly payments. No contracts to assume, no back payments. Call Credit Mgr. Dir. 682-7131.

**CONCORD TOYOTA**

**FORD '71 F100 SPORT CUSTOM**

Long bed pickup, automatic, power steering, Barde bumper, radio & heater. (12900P) dlr. pay transfer fee only on approved credit. Need reliable party to make realistic monthly payments. No contracts to assume, no back payments. Call Credit Mgr. Dir. 682-7131.

**CONCORD TOYOTA**

**TOYOTA MARK II '73 2 DR. HDT**

Automatic, power steering, AIR, AM/FM radio, vinyl roof (663 LM) dlr. Need reliable party to make realistic monthly payments. No contracts to assume, no back payments. Call Credit Mgr. Dir. 682-7131.

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**110. Cars, New & Used**

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## 108. Trucks, New-Used

**FORD '74 RANCHERO**, automatic, power steering, air, AM/FM stereo w/tape, cruise control, woodgrain, beautiful, super nice! (93103W) dlr. Pay transfer fee only on approved credit. Need reliable party to make realistic monthly payments. No contracts to assume, no back payments. Call Credit Mgr. Dir. 582-7131.

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**FORD '76 NEW E-100 Surfer Conversion Van**

**\$99 DOWN Delivers\***

**YOUR PRICE \$4595**

4 cyl., 4 speed, radio & heater. Only 6,602 miles. (468 LZX). Need reliable party to make small monthly payments. No back payments, no contracts to assume, O.A.C. Many others to choose from. Call Credit Mgr. Dir. 938-7478.

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**FORD '77 LANDCRUISER WAGON**, 4 wheel drive, fibreglass & tires, radio & heater. Lo miles! (545HV). dlr. Pay transfer fee only on approved credit. Need reliable party to make realistic monthly payments. No contracts to assume, no back payments. Call Credit Mgr. Dir. 582-7131.

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**ATTENTION!** Selling your car? Trading it in? Give it to us at

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**CHRY. '69**, dependable, good mech. cond., radials & more, \$575/best offer. 846-7478 after 3 p.m.

**DODGE '74 15-Passenger Van**

**3% DOWN**

**YOUR PRICE \$4995**

V-8, automatic trans., factory air conditioning, power steering & brakes. (860LCE). Need reliable party to make realistic monthly payments. No contracts to assume, O.A.C. Many others to choose from. Call Credit Mgr. Dir. 938-9780.

**DODGE '69 Charger**, 383 high performance, auto. trans., air, vinyl top, \$1400 FIRM. Call Steve 846-5532.

**FORD '71 LTD 2-Dr. Hardtop**

**3% DOWN**

**YOUR PRICE \$1295**

V-8, automatic trans., factory air conditioning, power steering & brakes. (620KCR). Need reliable party to make realistic monthly payments. No contracts to assume, O.A.C. Many others to choose from. Call Credit Mgr. Dir. 682-7131.

**CONCORD TOYOTA**

**PINTO '71 2-DOOR**

**3% DOWN**

**YOUR PRICE \$1495**

4 cyl., automatic transmission, radio, heater. (344-DOB). Need reliable party to make realistic monthly payments. No contracts to assume, O.A.C. Many others to choose from. Call Credit Mgr. Dir. 938-7970.

**PONTIAC VENTURA '73**, 2 door hardtop, automatic trans., air, power steering, styled wheels, vinyl roof. (609 GKM). dlr. Pay transfer fee only on approved credit. Need reliable party to make realistic monthly payments. No contracts to assume, O.A.C. Many others to choose from. Call Credit Mgr. Dir. 938-7131.

**PONTIAC 66 STATION WAGON**, needs some work, fair cond., \$125. 455-4960.

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**Seville** BY CADILLAC

**1800 Mt. Diablo Blvd. Walnut Creek 934-9300**

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**WE ARE TRADING HIGHER THAN EVER FOR 1972, 1973 & 1974 CADILLACS**

**1974 OLDSMOBILE CUTLASS SUPREME**

2 door coupe, radio, heater,

power steering and brakes, factory air conditioning, vinyl top.

(R13946Z). RETAIL BLUE BOOK PRICE \$4300

**OUR PRICE \$3995**

**1975 JEEP CHEROKEE**

Four wheel drive, automatic transmission, power steering, radio and heater (705 LSA)

**RETAIL BLUE BOOK PRICE \$5060**

**OUR PRICE \$4395**

**1975 OLDSMOBILE CUTLASS SUPREME**

Coupe, V-8 engine, automatic transmission, radio, heater, factory air conditioning, power steering, swivel bucket seats, chrome wire wheel covers. (950 MRS). Less than 3500 miles.

**RETAIL BLUE BOOK PRICE \$5260**

**OUR PRICE \$4895**

**1976 CADILLAC SEVILLE**

**FOR ONLY \$219<sup>44</sup> PER MONTH\***

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# MERVYN'S

## Christmas

**Sale!**

# LAST 6 DAYS

prices effective through Wed., Dec. 24th

open Sunday, December 21st 9 A.M. to 9 P.M.

shop Friday, Saturday, Monday, Tuesday: 9:30-9:30 Wednesday, December 24th: 9:30-6



sale! entire stock 27.98  
men's jean coordinates

The Set

REG. 27.98

**25.98**

Jacket, REG. 14.99, 13.99  
Jean, REG. 12.99, 11.99

Includes brushed denim pre-wash patch-work, long shirt style jacket; 5-pocket jeans. Brushed denim outer shirt style with 4-pocket jeans. All 100% cotton. Jackets, S-M-L-XL; Jean waists 30-36.



### contrast stitch dress shirts

Men's 100% textured Short Sleeve, REG. 6.99  
polyester knit shirts with banded perma stay collar, full placket, mi- Long Sleeve, REG. 7.99  
tered chest pocket. Assorted colors. 14½-16½.

**5.97**

**6.97**

### 30% off all '5 ties

Fully tipped, woven polyester, 4-in-hand ties. Tapestries, florals, patterns, stripes or monograms.

REG. \$5

**2 FOR \$7**

3.69 EA.

### Mervyn's underwear

Men's 50% polyester / 50% cotton briefs, boxers, V-neck, athletic or T-shirts. S-M-L-XL.

**3 FOR 3.75**

**3 FOR 3.39**

### men's casual socks

Terry velour or rib knit "Islander", both Orlon® acrylic/nylon. Fashion colors. One size fits 10-13.

REG. 89¢ PR.

**3 PR. 2.39**

### men's cushion crew socks

Fully cushioned, acrylic/nylon blend. White with striped rib knit top that stays up. One size fits 10-13.

REG. 1.25

**99¢ PR.**

### men's short sleeve knits

Collar and placket styles in polyester, acrylic or polyester/cotton. Solids, stripes, patterns. Sizes S-M-L-XL.

REG. 6.99

**5.99**

### long sleeve crews or turtlenecks

Men's acrylic 7" turtlenecks and solid color crew necks. Sizes S-M-L-XL.

**4.99** REG. 5.99

### big and little boys' ski pajamas

SIZES 4-7, REG. 4.99

**4.49**

SIZES 8-16, REG. 5.99

**5.49**



### save \*2! men's lined, leather-look jackets

**22.99** REG. 24.99

Wipe-clean polyvinyl with warm acrylic pile lining. Handsome 4-pocket, snap front style in brown tones. Sizes M-L-XL.

### men's long sleeve novelty sweat shirts

**4.49** REG. 4.99

Cotton/acrylic crew necks with assorted heat transfer, life-style prints and rock groups. Many colors. Sizes S-M-L-XL.



**special purchase!  
gift cardigans**

**4.99**

Slim-look, cable or rib knit, 100% acrylic button fronts. Jewel or V-necklines. Holiday brights. Sizes S-M-L.

### women's long skirts

Clearance of pleated A-line skirts with self sash. Polyesters/ acrylic plaids. Sizes 6-14.

Sportswear Department

ORIG. \$10

**6.98**



### leather-look embroidered jackets

REG. 19.99

**15.99**

Fully lined, soft polyvinyl with the rich look of leather. Snap front and cuffs; embroidery trim. S-M-L.

Coat Department

### the longer length plaid coat

Save 8.01 on the popular below-the-knee length wrap coat! Brushed wool/nylon plaids with acetate lining. 7 to 15.

Coat Department

REG. \$48

**39.99**



### full figure long skirts

Women's 7-gore skirts of machine washable polyester. Some with self belt. Black or lights. 32-40.

REG. \$15

**13.99**

### Mickey Mouse tees for girls and toddlers

Cotton crew necks in white with a choice of prints. Girls, 10-16; toddler sizes S-M-L.

REG. \$2 EA.

**2 FOR \$3**

1.69 EA.

© Walt Disney Productions



### 1/3 off girls' sweat shirts

Clearance! Crew neck; long sleeves. Bright novelty prints. Acrylic/cotton or cotton/polyester. 6 to 16.

ORIG. \$5

**3.28**

### girls' slipper socks

Warm acrylic slipper socks with vinyl soles. Novelty embroidery detail. 7-8½; 9-10.

REG. \$3

**1.99**

Girls' Department

### clearance of handbags

Save 1/3 on vinyl and leather, tote and shoulder styles in assorted colors.

ORIG. \$6-\$12

**3.98-7.98**



### toddlers' sweat shirts

Save 20%! Cotton/acrylics with front and back screen print. For toddler boys or girls, sizes 2-3-4.

REG. 2.49

**1.99**

### toddlers' screen print tees

Save now on short sleeve polo shirts with sport prints and kiddie patterns. 100% cotton. Toddler sizes 4-6-8.

REG. \$2

**1.33**



### girls' easy-care tees

Long or short sleeve styles; photo fronts, prints, more. Polyester, nylon, cotton or blends.

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